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#### Abdul Shafi to run in self-rule polls

CAIRO (AFP) — A leading Palestinian opposition figure in the Gaza Strip said Monday his party would run in self-rule elections next year despite its hostility to the autonomy accords signed with Israel. When asked if he would participate in the elections, Haidar Abdul Shafi told the Arabic daily Al Hayat, "Yes. We consider the elections extremely important. "I don't rule out the participation of myself or the Movement for Building Democracy (MBD) in elections because they may be the only way to try to get out of the crisis we are in." He also urged Hamas 10 run in the elections. "Hamas is a political organisation and I call on all political organisations to participate in the elections," he said. Dr. Abdul Shafi, the former chief Palestinian negotiator with Israel, stressed his opposition to the West Bank autonomy deal signed on Sept. 28 which allows the holding of elections for a self-rule council. He said: "Israel continues to build scutlements (in the West Bank) and this robs the peace process and even talks on final status of any



#### At least 14 killed in Mexico quake

GUADAL AJARA (AFP) --- At least 14 people were killed and 100 injured Monday in the western Mexican state of Jalisco when a strong earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale rocked much of the country, officials said. Damage was heaviest in the towns of Puerto Vallarta, Tenamaxtlan, Sayula, Ciudad, Guzman, Ameca, Zihuatlan, Autlan and La Huerta, Jalisco state spokesman Juan Manuel Navejar said. The municipal marketplace in Zihuatlan partially collapsed, and there also was damage to the town hall and telephone company facilities, officials said. The seismology office of the National Autonomous University of Mexico reported the 7.5 reading on the quake, which it said had its epicentre on the northwest Pacific coast between Colima, Jalisco and Michoacan states. Red Cross and police in Mexico City said there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries there. Electrical and phone service were interrupted in some areas of the capital.

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# King, Queen return home

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor returned home Monday following what the King described as highly successful visits to the United States, Britain and France

"The visit to the United States gave me the chance to bave talks with President Clinton and senior U.S. officials," said the King, who described the talks as frank and clear. He said the discussions covered, among other things, bilateral relations and the situation in the Middle East region as well as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic conference.

King Hussein, who attended the Sept. 28 signing ceremony in Washington of the Palestinian-

respected lawmakers in

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MOGADISHU (AFP) — A

Mogadishu newspaper Mon-

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portedly written by Colonel

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addressed to the Kenyan

armed forces chief of general

staff, General Mahamood

Mohammad, but his office in

Nairobi could not confirm

Monday that such a letter bad

been received. Both men are

of the Ogaden clan, present

in both north-east Kenya and

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controls the lower Juba Val-

ley region of south Somalia,

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outskirts of the port city of

His Majesty King Hussein is received upon his return home along with Her Majesty Queen Noor on Monday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)

Israeli agreements on expanding autonomy, said that the agreement was a

major step forward.
"I hope that the future will see more progress. It is obvious that will take time and determination to make peace a reality," said the King, expressing hope that comprehensive peace and settlement will be achieved before too long with the

participation of Syria and Lebanon.

Asked if President Clinton would attend the MENA conference later this month, he said: "I am not aware that the president bimself will be coming but certainly there will be a high-level delegation."

He added that an elite of world leaders will be taking

Asked about the proposal to set up a Middle East development bank, the King said he bad always sought the presence of a financial source for funding projects in the region at reasonable terms.

Referring to the needs of the Jordanian Armed

Forces that he discussed (Continued on page 7)

to the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation

the higher steering committee for information for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference later this month, the Regent said that building self-confidence was a basic requirement, which needs the use of

Stressing that the peace process helps to establish security and stability, the Crown Prince pointed out the importance of "the peacebuilding process" and the prosperity peace will achieve for the countries of the re-

The peace process has

The Regent said that Jordan faces the challenge of being able to address the national cooperation.

The Regent told the meet-

# Israel to free 1,000 detainees, evacuate W.Bank town today

Combined agency dispatches

ISRAEL PLANS to free some 1 000 Palestinian inmates and hand over one of its occupation offices in the West Bank on Tuesday, but a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official expressed concern over the slow implementation of the peace accord.

"There was a decision that more than 1,000 men will be released on Tuesday," said Aliza Goren, spokeswoman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

She said the prisoners would include those convicted of "criminal and security offences."

Under the Washington accord, Israel will move troops from six West Bank towns and from parts of Heb-ron, where 400 Jewish setIsrael will also hand over

civilian authority in some 450 villages and towns to the PLO but would maintain overall security there. Under the accord, Israel

was to have begun redeploying its troops on Oct. 8. The Israeli army meanwhile extended for another week the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip until the end of the Jewish holidays, a military spokesman said.

The closures had been due to be lifted at dawn Tuesday. but will now end next Tuesday, Oct. 17. The Gaza Strip was sealed

off on Sept. 20, followed by the West Bank on Sept. 27, on the eve of the signing in Washington of the Israeli-PLO accord. The closures have already

stipulated by the agreement. The start of implementation of the agreement with the Israeli side is not en-

ceremony.

Abdul Rahim, secretary-general of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). He said the Israeli side at

the meeting "were acting as if affecting income. Israel Radio said the meathey were trying to impose on sure was taken to thwart any us an agreement other than what we had agreed upon."
Israeli and PLO officials attacks by Palestinian hardliners to mar the Washington

said on Monday that the Israeli army intends to start evacuation offices in the West Bank this week beginning with its office in Salfit village on Tuesday.

Salfit Mayor Hassan Al Azeer said Israeli officers briefed village leaders on Sunday on evacuation plans and told them to prepare for the handover on Tuesday. He said the Israelis had already taken out all equipment.

Israeli officials said three other offices would be closed couraging and does not pro- by the end of the week.

# Sabotage suspected in Amtrak

injuring 100, authorities said.
"The track has been tampered with," Maricopa Countv Sheriff Joe Arpain said, adding that there was other evidence of sabotage which he said he could not disclose.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) also opened an investigation, officials said.

A crew member was killed and at least 30 people were in critical condition, said Norman Jones, spokesman for the Arizona State Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Jones said an engineer aboard the train had seen something "suspicious" on the tracks just before the crash occurred.

The Amtrak "Sunset Limited" was carrying about 250 passengers from New Orleans, Louisiana to Los Angeles, California, when it went off the rails at 2:20 a.m. (0920 GMT) in a remote streich of barren desert northwest of Gila Bend, Ari-

"The car was beginning to twist and turn," a passenger told CNN. Then it slowly tilted as it was moving and shaking and then, suddenly,

Most of the passengers were sleeping when the train hit the brakes and went careering off the track, passengers said.

"We opened the windows to get the people out. There were a lot of people shocked in that car," another passenger told CNN. "It was very difficult."

A dormitory car, two sleepers, a diner, lounge, two coaches and a baggage car derailed," Amtrak said. Four of the cars tumbled off a trestle into a dry ravine. it

The 12-car train's two locomotives stayed on the track, it said. The train, which ordinarily

originates in Miami, Florida, took on passengers in New Orleans and additional cars in San Antonio, Texas. It was the second fatal crash for the Sunset Limited

since Sept. 22, 1993, when it went off a trestle bridge and into a Bayou north of Mobile, Alabama, killing 47 passengers and crew. Last year, an engineer was

killed and 370 people injured when an Amtrak "Silver Meteor" derailed near Selma. North Carolina, while travelling from Miami to New Helicopters filled the sky

as Blackhawk choppers of the Arizona National Guard joined 11 medical helicopters to take out the wounded.

# Bosnia truce delayed until Sarajevo utilities restored

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areas, preventing 30,000

Palestinians from travelling

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Senior Israeli and PLO

officers met in Gaza on Sun-

day to discuss a rimetable for

Israeli army redeployment.

aide to PLO Chairman Yas-

ser Arafat, said the PLO was

worried about the timetable

for Israeli army redeploy-

ment and with the failure to

release all female prisoners as

Tayeb Abdul Rabim, an

SARAJEVO (AP) — Bosnia's latest ceasefire was delayed Monday after a tense day of shelling, NATO air-strikes and failure to restore utilities to Sarajevo.

"It will not happen because the conditions bave not been met yet," said Hasan Muratovic, the Bosnian government's minister in charge of relations with the United Na-

The ceasefire had been scheduled to take effect at one minute after midnight (230I GMT Monday).

Mr. Muratovie, appearing on Bosnian television, said both the government and the Bosnian Serbs did as much as they could to restore electricity and natural gas service to Sarajevo, but could not get the job done. He said the truce will take effect as soon as that work is done.

Restoration of utilities to Sarajevo was a key condition of a ceasefire accord brokered last week by the United States.

Earlier Monday, NATO planes attacked Serb targets in northeastern Bosnia after Serb shelling of government territory killed a Norwegian peacekeeper and claimed dozens of civilian casualties. Alliance spokesman Captain Mark Van Dyke said that two NATO aircraft dropped laser-guided bombs on Serb

command-and-control posts

near Tuzla. The attack came amid a surge in shelling and fighting in Bosnia in advance of the scheduled ceasefire. U.N. spokeswoman Major

Myriam Socbacki said in Sarajevo that two shells hit close to the Tuzla airport Monday afternoon, injuring one Norwegian peacekeeper. "He died on his way to the

hospital," said Maj. Sochacki. U.N. officials said the death led to the airstrike. A U.N. official in Zagreb, Croatia, said the air attack occurred at 4:25 p.m. (1525 GMT) and NATO's target was southest of Tuzla. The air raids were the first NATO military action since Oct. 4, when three missiles were

fired at a Bosnian Serb radar. Despite the sharp increase in shelling and fighting - which has contributed to the failure of dozens of other truce over 31/2 years - Bosnian officials cited the utilities problem as the main

reason for delaying this ceas-

U.N. engineers were racing to reconnect Sarajevo to electricity and natural gas supplies, the Bosnian government's main condition for agreeing to start the ceasefire. According to the agreement, the ceasefire will not start until Sarajevo bas gas and electricity.

We would be fully prepared to go along with the ceasefire agreement if the otilities are repaired," Mr. Muratovic said earlier Mon-

Col. Ferid Buljubasic, spokesman for the Bosnian army, indicated that the ceascfire was likely to be delayed. ioes go into effect. be said, the army "will abso-

lutely respect" it. The Serb official in charge of relations with the United Nations, Maksim Stanisie. said repairs were being made to the power lines. He said his side was doing everything possible to ensure the repairs

were made. Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said Sunday that although the utility work might delay the start of the ceasefire, fighting would not.

# 900 stranded Palestinians plan border hunger-strike

of Libya and trapped at its border with Egypt have announced they would begin a hunger strike on Tuesday to

inability of Arab govern-Palestine faced with Israeli intransigence," one of the Palestinians told AFP on

Commission announcing the strike and asking for help to get to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. A group of 200 stranded

Palestinians had blocked the road through the international zone between the borders in protests on Saturday and backed down only after setting a 72-hour grace period before restarting the protests. The deadline runs out

Tuesday if a solution is not found to their plight, an official at the Salloum border post said. Another 30 expelled

Palestinians arrived from 300-metre no man's land between the Egyptian and Libyan borders, the official

at Ras Al Hikma, near Marsa

ways to solve the problem of the expelled Palestinians," the border official said without identifying the officials or

trapped in the desert zone for more than 10 days after being refused entry by Egypt be-cause they did not bave proper papers allowing them pas-

the 30,000 Palestinians living on his country's soil back to Gaza and the West Bank. Colonel Qadhafi, presenting himself as the "protector" of the Palestinians, began the expulsions in a bid to prove the "failure" of Israel-Palestine Liberarion Organisation (PLO) self-rule accords, insisting Palestinians should be allowed to return

The Egyptian daily Al

home.

The sources told the government paper that the problem of the expulsions is on its way to being solved and cuse Tripoli of harbouring a number of (Palestinians) will be transported to the

The two leaders would also

A "high Palestinian official" in Gaza 10ld the government daily Al Ahram that 100 Palestinian families

(expulsion) decision and returns the remaining expelled Palestinians" to Libya, Al Ahram said in its Monday

The source appeared to be

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa met Col. Oadhafi in Libva near the Egyptian

Cairo said Mr. Musa also reminded the Libyan leader of "what Egypt has done (for Libya) in the Lockerbie affair.

#### Kismayu, held by General Mobammad Said Hirsi "Morgan," a bitter rival who was a son-io-law of late dictator Mohamad Siad Barre. 24 dead, 20 missing

n Algerian mishap ALGIERS (AFP) — At least 24 people were killed, one seriously injured and 20 missing after a lorry accident in southern Algeria, according to new figures released by the civil guard and reported by radio Monday. On Sunday following the accident, 23 people were reported dead. State radio said Monday the accident near Laghouat, 250 kilometres sooth of Algiers, was caused by the collapse of a bridge weakened by the torrential downpours. The official news agency APS said

#### on the wet road sorface. Rabin, Peres win

Sunday the lorry bad skidded

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The

Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Monday called on the information services to focus attention on Jordan's achievements in the political, social and economic fields and help reflect a bright image of the Kingdom to the

By doing so the information services will help enhance self-confidence in Jordanian and Arab citizens, said the Regent during a visit (JRTC).

Addressing a meeting of

while covering conference.

taken to avoid anything that might cast suspicion on the country's political march. Efforts should be made to reflect the Kingdom's development and achievements over the past decades, he

He said that the information services have a serious correct information to the

before the world, he said.

world about its achievements, especially as it enjoys a central location between Europe and Eastern Asian nations and also has a role in enriching regional and inter-

ing, attended by deputy prime ministers Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh and Khaled Karaki as well as the directors of information services that Jordan had to come up with programmes that would encourage contacts with other countries. He stressed the need for linking Jordan with the outside world taking good advantage of the MENA

# Iraq pushes campaign for an end to sanctions

Kuwaiti premier says his fears of invasion are based on information

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — a diplomat close to the affair Iraq appealed to the U.N. Security Council on Monday to take into account Baghdad's cooperation on disarmament when it decides this week on whether to lift economic sanctions crippling the country.

The newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, Al Thawra, said it would be "logical" for the Security Council to consider "the progress made by Iraq" on dismantling its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programmes.

"The Security Council

must adopt a just position because Iraq has sincerely met its obligations," the pap-The special U.N. panel on Iraq's disarmament was to deliver a downbeat report to the Security Council this week, which should delay any

chance of easing U.N. sanctions on Baghdad, Western diplomats in New York said. The detailed report by U.N. disarmament chief Rolf Ekeus is due to be relayed to the Security Council Wednesday and discussed by Friday.

they said. It was expected to state that Iraq tried to cover up a biological weapons programme, and there still were doubts over what types of now-banned weaponry Baghdad might have squirreled away since the 1991 Gulf war, impact on the economy,

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz reiterated in a letter published Saturday that the Iraqi arsenal had been dismantled and that Baghdad's recent disclosures did not call into question its commitment to eliminating the

weapons completely. Several countries have been trying to persuade Iraq to accept Resolution 986 allowing Baghdad to export limited quantities of oil to earn funds to buy food and medicine.

The crippling oil and trade embargo was imposed when Iraq invaded neighbouring Kuwait in August 1990, until being driven out seven months later by a U.S.-led coalition. Kuwaiti Crown Prince

Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah said Monday that warnings he recently made about continued Iraqi threats to Kuwait were real and based on documented information. The Al Siyassah daily newspaper last month quoted

months starting Oct. 15 would be "extremely difficult" for Kuwait and that Iraq might be preparing for another attack on the emi-

His remarks had a negative

Sheikh Saad, also prime

minister, as saying the three

especially the stock market. Some columnists and members of parliament claimed they were designed to distract public attention away from an fortbeoming report by a parliamentary inquiry into government preparedness to deal with Iraq's August 1990

news conference Monday. Discussing this topic

did not elaborate. Sheikh Saad denied that be had specified a time frame for Iraqi threats to materialise when be spoke last month in

hesitation, beware of that there and he has a strategy," Sheikh Saad said. "As for when he starts implementing

boom!

invasion of Kuwait. "I do not want in this gathering to speak in de-tails," Sheikh Saad told a

might be in the interest of the destroyer of Iraq (Saddam Hussein). We receive our information from our own sources, sisterly and brotherly countries, and build our strategies accordingly." He

a men-only, evening gathering known as diwaniya. "I tell you without any man (Saddam). His aggressive intentions... are still

it, only God knows." Referring to the forthcoming report by the parliamentary inquiry, he said he was repared to tell Kuwaitis everything. "I take full responsibility for what happened," he told the news conference, held at his seaside palace.

protest being barred from their homeland. The strike is "to projest the ments to assure our return to

He said the Palestinians had sent messages to the United Narions, the Arab League and the U.N. Human Rights

Libya on Monday in the camp set up by Tripoli in the

He said a top-level Libyan security official met with Egyptian security authorities

SALLOUM (AFP] — Some Matruh, 320 kilometres into 900 Palestinians thrown out Egypt from the border. Egypt from the border. The two sides "discussed

providing details.

Most of the 900 have been

sage onto another country. They left Libya after its leader Moammar . Qadhafi

Akhbar quoted on Monday high-level sources as saying a meeting between Qadhafi and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was expected soon to show the (good) relations between the two coun-

Gaza Strip.

discuss in their meeting "the latest employments in the Lockerbie affair," the paper

would enter the Strip from Libya within the next few "An agreement has been reached for the return of 100 families living in Libya to Gaza in the next few days once Qadhafi changes his

edition. referring to the return of Palestinians stranded in noman's land.

border on Friday to persuade him to back off the campaign and to hand him a message from Mr. Mubarak. Arab diplomaric sources in

Cairo, while respecting the air embargo imposed on Libya in 1992, has mediated for Libya with the United States and Britain, which actwo suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am flight over Lockerbie. Scotland, in which 270 people died.

Nunn quits Prince urges radio and TV to derailing ATLANTA (AFP) - Sam Nunn, a veteran senator and focus on national achievements GILA BEND, Arizona (AFP) — A cross-country a leading authority on U.S. defence matters, announced Monday he would not seek passenger train hurtled off been instrumental in enhanc-AMMAN (Petra) — His genuine information in radio reelection, dealing a new blow to Democratic Party sabotaged tracks into a ravine Royal Highness Crown ing the country's credibility and television programmes in the Arizona desert Monhopes of regaining control of Congress. One of the most day, killing one person and He said that care should be

# 11 election hopefuls from Muslim Brotherhood are arrested in Egypt

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian police detained on Monday 11 prominent members of the Muslim Brotherhood in a nationwide security crackdown, a spokesman for the illegal but influential fundamentalist group said.

Mamoun Hudeibi said the delainees — academics. lawvers and doctors - were taken into custody shortly after they were fingerprinted before officially declaring themselves candidates in November's parliamentary elections.

"It's not a coincidence. that much I can tell you." said Mr. Hudeibi, whose deputy. Mohammad Ghareib. was among those arrested. "We sit here everyday and wait for whom else they're goine to take in. I mean what's preventing them from doing it?"

The arrests are the latest to hit the group, the largest and most influential in the country, and which the Brotherhood says are aimed at preventing its members from taking part in the elections.

The government denies this, but has arrested more than 150 members since the beginning of the year. It also beean associating the organisation with the armed Islamist groups trying to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak's rule and install a strict Islamic state.

Islamists, opposition parties and civil rights activists have attacked the government for trying the Brotherhood leaders at military courts because they are civilians who committed nonviolent offences.

The latest seven delainees included were university professors or doctors. They were picked up in a dawn raid in Cairo and other governo-

The Interior Ministry refused to comment on the

The Brotherhood spokesman said none of the men had announced their candidacy but were expected to run as independents in Novem-

Chief among those arrested was Abdul Menem Abdul Fattah, former head of the medical union and a candidate in the parliament elections, police said.

Police accused them of 'supporting terrorist elements in a number of provinces with necessary funds and aiding the families of fugitive militants." "The financial support was part of the Brotherhood's backing of extremist forces to ensure their support to legislative elections," police

They added they had uncovered a large number of organisational documents." which showed the Brotherhood also planned to create a new political party, the Egypnan Salvation Party.

Those arrested included the bead of the scientists' union. Al Sayed Al Abdul Sitar Al Miligi, according to a list sent by the Brotherhood IO AFP.

The remainder were leadng union figures as well as parliamentary candidates. One was a member of the team of lawyers defending the 49 Brothers already on trial before a military court.

#### 3 killed in south

A teenager and two Muslim militants were shot dead in two separate incidents near the town of Malawi, 3111 kilometres south of Cairo. olice said on Monday.

Bikr Ragab Hamed. t5. was killed when a soldier enforcing a curfew in Al Roda village accidentally fired his weapon late Sunday.

Towns in Minya province, especially Malawi, have come under police curfew since the region became centre stage for attacking by Muslim mili-

Meanwhile, police killed two militants while conducting a security sweep in sugar cane fields between Nawai and Ashmunin village outside

The two militants opened fire on the police patrol, which returned fire and shot them both dead. Militants often use the high-growing cane fields as hideouts.

The two killed had yet to

he identified, police said. The deaths brought to 891 the number killed since March 1992 in a confrontation between the police and militants seeking to overthrow the government of

Journalists set deadline

President Muharak.

Egypt's journalists have set Dec. 24 deadline for the government to draw up a press law to replace a touch one they say suppresses freedom of expression, the daily Al Ahram reported on Mon-



BBC VISITS GAZA: Palestinians in Gaza City on Sunday surround the British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) double-decker which is touring the Middle East as part of a publicity campaign for the BBC's Arabic-language service (AFP photo)

# Filipina maid's appeal hearing adjourned

AL 'AIN (AP) — The appeal hearing of a 16-year-old Filipina maid sentenced to death for stabbing her employer to 30 following a closed session Monday that lasted more than an bour.

Sarah Balabagan, a Muslim from the Philippines' southern Mindanao province, was led into the courtroom in handcuffs and escorted by two policewomen. She sat inside an iron cage at the no-jury court and brought out when summoned by the

Minutes into the proceedings, presidiog Judge Biyah Ben Al Salik ordered about 100 spectators and journalists inside the courtroom to leave. The decision was made at the request of defence lawyer Mobammad Al Amin,

Defence attorneys later said they made the request on instructions from the Pbilipofficial of the Information vious trial.

Ministry said the decision was made because Ms. Balabagan was going to testify on details of the alleged rape attempt by her 85-year-old employer.

It was in the same courthouse last mooth that Ms. Balabagan was sentenced to death by a no-jury Islamic court for the murder in Al 'Ain of Almas Mohammad Al Baloushi. She said she had killed him when he tried to rape her at knife-point.

Court documents showed sbe had stabbed him 34 "I want Sarah executed,"

Faraj Al Baloushi, one of the victim's sons, said after Monday's session. In contrast, some 700 Mus-

lims and Christians displayed a rare show of unity Monday when they rallied in a southern Philippines town to seck divine intervention for Ms. Balabagan.

Defence lawyers said the crux of their defence lay in

Salman Lutfi, one of the lawyers defending Ms. Balabagan, said the penal code under which his client had been charged called for a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

He said the court also had "overlooked important forensic evidence and testimony by a physician proving there was attempted rape," he said, adding that the defence wanted an acquittal.

About an hour after Monday's proceedings began, police entered the courthouse and plastered on bulletin boards seven large photo-graphs showing Baloushi lying in a pool of blood.

Television crews were allowed to film the photographs but there was no immediate explanation of the police action.

Ms. Balabagan's case has become a cause celebre, both in the Philippines and the United Arab Emirates , which has been surprised at the negative publi- maid.

city generated by it. Philippines President Fidel Ramos has dispatched several envoys to help with Ms. Balabagan's appeal, including former Supreme. Court Judge and Islamic law expert Abdul Wahid Bidin.

The tens of thousands of Filipinos working in this oilrich Arab country have been holding prayer sessions for Ms. Balabagan since she was sentenced to death Sept. 16.

She had initially been sentenced to seven years in prison at an earlier trial in June. But that verdict was quashed and a retrial was ordered by the government following protests in the Philippines that the girl should have been acquitted.

But the September death sentence caused another uproar in the Philippines, where the government is anxious to avoid a repeat of the diplomanic row which erupted in March over the execution in Singapore of a Filipina

# Lebanese businessmen to attend MENA conference

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - More than a dozen Lebanese businessmen will participate in this month's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit in Amman despite their country's official boycott of the event, sources in the business community said Monday.

"The private sector does not feel itself bound by the political position adopted by the government." said one source. Many Lebanesc husinessmen believe that they stand the risk of being left out completely from the apportunities that the occasion presents

"Lebanese businessmen have to be there at the conference at least to know for themselves what is going on and what role. direct or indirect, they can play in an era of peace in the region." added the source.

Conspicuous by their absence at the Oct. 29-31 summit will he the governments of Syria and Lebanon, which argue that it is premature to discuss regional economic cooperation involving Israel since they have yet to make breakthroughs in their peace negotiations with the Jewish state.

At the same time, both countries will be attending a European Union (EU) conference in Barcelona. Spain, in late November along with Israel and other Mediterranean countries, including Jor-

According to the business community sources. the Lebanese government is not barring businessmen from the country from attending the Amman conference. But the Syrian government has implicitly warned off Syrian businessmen, according to the sources.

A provisional list made available to the Jordan Times indicated that there will be at least five participanis from Lebanon at the MENA summit. They include representatives of Banque Paribas. Gargour Brothers, Uniceramic sal and Jammal Trust Bank

However, according to the sources, "more than a dozen others" have also confirmed their participation but they do not want their names to be formally released at this point in

The list does not contain any Syrian businessmen. However, several Syrian nationals who hold dual nationality are expected to be at the summit representing European companies.

The public position adopted by Damascus and

Beirut towards regional cooperation involving Israel is belied by the anxiety both the Syrian and Lebanese governments show to remain fully briefed about the dctails of the working groups of the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process, diplomatic

sources say.
According to the sources, senior non-Arab diplomats from the working groups regularly visit Damascus and Beirut after every working session to brief Syrian and Lebanese government officials on what transpircs at every meeting.

"The briefing sessions were initiated upon the request of the govern-ments of Syria and Lebanon shortly after the Mos-cow meeting," said a diplomatic source, referring to the first conference of the multilateral phase held in the Russian capital in early 1992. "Since then the briefings have been

very regular."
"The bebind-the-scene Syrian and Lebanese interest in the multilateral phase is one of the key elements that have convinced European and American diplomais that it is only a matter of time before Damascus and Beirut formally join regional economic cooperation involving Israel. added the diplomatic

source.

# Carey calls for end to Sudan civil war

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JUBA (AP) — They came by the thousands from the countryside, lining the road from the airport to the cathedral. The message they heard was simple: "We have suffered ecough.

Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey arrived in the heart of southern Sudan, speaking to victims of a 12year civil war largely forgotten by the rest of the world. He urged an end to the fighting that has killed an estimated 1.3 million people and displaced bundreds of thousands of others in squalid

camps.
"I appeal to the government to seek for peace. I appeal to the Sudan people's liberation army to seek for peace. I appeal to the government of the neighbouring countries to appeal for peace," Mr. Carey said in the provincial capital of Juba Sunday.

About 75,000 Sudanese gathered to hear Mr. Carey speak at a moving, open-air service outside the All Saint's Cathedral in this town whose fate has mirrored that of the

war.

About 1.200 kilometres south of Sudan's capital. Khartoum, Juba has been besieged intermittently since the mid-1980s by rebels seeking autonomy from the Muslim-dominated government. Human rights groups have accused both sides of executions and massacres of civilians in the region.

You are not forgotten." Mr. Carey told the crowd. "I know all about your suffering in this country.

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# Lebanon launches safety campaign

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon has launched a five-year injury prevention campaign to reduce the growing number of accidents on the country's battered roads, in the workplace — namely on the post-war reconstruction sites — and at bome.

The campaign is backed by the health, interior, education and information ministries and aims to remind people of safety standards that have been forgotten during the 15-year civil war.

A month-long media campaign Jaunched on Sept. 15 is focusing on accidents caused by drunk driving, failure to use seat belts and speeding.
It will be followed by an

awareness campaign targetting schoolchildren and a nationwide poll to identify the most frequent accidents and how to deal with them., said campaign coordinator

road accidents in Lebanon. Two years later, the number has doubled. From January until August this year we have had 6,000 accidents," said Gbassan Maaluf, an ortbopedic surgeon.

For Dr. Maaluf the priorities are to make automobile insurance compulsory in Lebanon and enforce the 1977 law requiring the use of seat belts.

Beit Shabab centre for the handicapped are victims of 'car accidents," he said in reference to a rehabilitation

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Dr. Maaluf, who heads

the national campaign, said speeding was "the number one killer of teenagers in Lebanon," where more than 500 people have died in the first nine months of

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institute which opened during the cooflict with the specific purpose of caring for victims of the war.

He added that the Health Ministry was spending \$12 to \$15 million each year on emergency care for accident

According to the Asso-ciation of Lebanese Insurance Companies (ACAL) only 220,000 vehicles are insured in Lebanon, a country of 1.4 million cars for around four million inhabitants. Experts say 55,000 cars are imported monthly.

The Interior Ministry, meanwhile, introduced several amendments to the outdated 1967 highway code, namely raising all fines involving traffic violanons 10-fold, according to

the official gazette. Motorists are banned, for the first time, from drinking and driving, using mobile

phones while driving and throwing trash from the windows, while bikers have to wear helmets.

"From now on people will bave to think twice before committing traffic violations," Interior Minister Michel Murr warned this week. The ministry was also preparing a special aware-

ness campaign to outline the amendments - the first since 1991 — to the general public, Mr. Murr said. At high risk also were the thousands of construction workers involved in Leba-

non's multi-billion post-war

reconstruction schemes and

employed by hundreds of

private companies across Lebanon. Beirut newspapers frequently carry reports of workers killed or wounded in construction-related accidents, but no statistics have been available.

# Townsend takes over as **CAABU** director

AMMAN (J.T.) — Cyril D Townsend, a Conservative Party member of the British parliament, took up the post of director of the Landonbased Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding

(CAABU) on Oct. 1. Mr. Townsend, who has represented the constituency of Bexleyheath since 1974, has enjoyed a long and fruit-ful association with CAABU,

including serving as joint chairman from 1982 to 1992, a CAABU statement said.

A former military officer, Mr. Townsend has extensive experience of the Middle East and has made numerous visits to the region. He is at present chairman of the Conservative Middle East Council and writes a weekly column for the Arabic-language newspaper Al Hayat.

Mr. Townsend, who will be working for CAABU on a part-time basis, proposes to devote his energies to restor-ing the council's high profile. particularly in diplomatic. media and academic circles the statement said.

He will be available to comment on current politica events in the Arab World and welcomes contact with the media, it added.

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oid e	enough," he added. Mr. Carey, who leads 70 million Anglicans worldwide, planned to visit Sudan in 1994. The Islamist govern- ment, however, demanded that he visits as a guest of the state. He refused, fearing that the government might try to restrict his movement.
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His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ben Al Hussein Sunday evening opens the 28th Annual General Assembly of the World Airlines Clubs Associations at the InterContinetal Hntel (Petra photo)

# Main WACA deliberations begin today

AMMAN (Petra) — The World Airlines Clubs Association's (WACA) annual general assembly will officially open its deliberations in Amman Tuesday following two days of preparatory meetings.

The conference, inaugurated Sunday by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal who deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, will continue discussion of topics earlier taken up by its sub-committees bere Monday.

Ramzi Shweihat, president of the Jordan Interline Club (JIC), which is hosting the WACA meeting, the first in the Middle East, said the preparatory meetings discussed relations among world airlines clubs (known as the Interline clubs) and means of enhancing their joint programmes.

Mr. Sbwethat said the participants also discussed means of developing communication methods between Interline clubs around the world and voluntary works carried by them, especially in the area of rehabilitating the handicapped.

The participants also spoke about touristic attractions in their countries with the aim of promoting the tourism industry and the

concept of global friend-

Participants in the conference represent the five areas of the Interline clubs — the Near East and Africa, the Far East, Europe, Sonth America and the Carribbean and North

Mr. Sbweihat said that after the conclusion of the five-day conference the participants will visit tourist and archaeological sites around the Kingdom which will greatly improve their ability to market Jordan as a tourist site at the international level.



Her Royal Highness Princess Rania Abdullah Monday meets with officials at the Jordan Trade Association (Petra photo)

# **Princess Rania calls for increased** exchange between trade groups

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Rania Abdullah Monday visited the Jordan Trade Association (JTA) and met its president, Ziyad Fariz, and JTA staff to review the association's activities in

promoting exports. The Princess emphasised the importance of strengthening ITA ties with the Jordan Exports Development and Commercial Centres Corporation (JEDCO) in promoting exports to tradinonal and non-traditional markets abroad.

Princess Rania also underlined the need for stepping up the exchange of information between JTA and JEDCO which takes advantage of its participation in international trade

JTA Executive Director Halim Ahu Rahmeh outlined the objectives of the JTA, which was created in 1989 and currently has 90 industrial firms on its membership roster.

Mr. Abu Rahmeh said the JTA provides information on foreign markets for Jordanian exporters and organises the participation of Jordanian firms international trade fairs. It also arranges for visits by trade groups from Jordan to foreign countries.

The JTA is currently upgrading its operations through the world information network (Internet) to provide local manufacturers and exporters up-to-date information on world markets, according to Mr. Abu

#### scientific linkages with officials the important role the the Kingdom at the present AMMAN (Petra) - Trans-Indonesian government

port Minister and Acting Minister of Planning Samir Kawar Monday discussed with a visiting Indonesian parliamentary delegation means of enhancing Jordanian-Indonesian relations in economic and commercial fields.

Mr. Kawar briefed the delegation on the economic situation and the investment climate in Jordan as well as laws and regulations introduced by the government recently to attract investors to the Kingdom.

He said projects which will be presented at the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit, to open in Amman on Oct. 29, constitute a good opportunity for husinessmen and the private

The minister underlined

could play in promoting bilateral relations and increasing commercial exchange between the two countries by importing Jordanian minerals, such as phosphates, potash and

He said furthering cooperation between the two countries will eventually prompt them to open regular air routes and marine lines linking the port of Aqaba with that of Jakarta.

phosphoric acid.

The head of the Indonesian delegation, Ismail Hassan, stressed that his country will play an active role in the Amman economic summit, saying the Indonesian minister of economy will head the country's delegation of public and private sector representatives

to the summit. He noted that his visit to time aims to enhance bilateral relations with Jordan and to seek out new investment opportunities, namely in light of the economic openness witnessed in Jor-

Indonesian team discusses commercial,

Also Monday, the Indonedelegation received by Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Ibrahim Naghaway who briefed its members on regional and international issues of common interest.

Mr. Naghaway also spoke of the latest developments in the Middle East peace process and Jordan's focal role in it, lauding Indonesia's stands on Arab causes and its support for the peace process.

The secretary general also Jordanianreviewed Indonesian cooperation in various fields, including economic, industrial, culand expressed the Kingdom's keenness to advance sucb ties. On Sunday afternoon the

Indonesian team had visited the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and met with Vice-President, Said Alloush, and Assistant Secretary General of the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) Khaled Shreideh.

Dr. Alloush briefed the delegation on the RSS role in conducting research to serve the industrial and technological sectors and contribute 10 national development.

He said the RSS's activities include conducting field research and offering advisory and technical services to various sectors, in addition to providing industry related short and long term training courses.

For his part, Dr. Shreideh. briefed the delegation on the HCST's establishment and objectives as well as its contributions to economic and industrial development

in the Kingdom. Dr. Shreideh said the council follows a national policy on science and technology to achieve its objectives and works on establishing scientific institutions necessary for the development process.

The council, he added, also supports scientific studies and guides and coordinates scienzific research in Jordan.

Mr. Hassan voiced his country's desire 10 enhance scientific cooperation between Jordanian and Indonesian institutions.

# Private sector panel to submit 5 finance projects at MENA

AMMAN (Petra) - The Finance and Investments Sub-committee set up by the private sector's executive committee preparing for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic conference bas come up with a list of five projects for the summit, according to the sub-committee's rapporteur Ziyad

In a statement Monday, Mr. Basha said these projects included the creation of a centre or agency for credit rating, a re-insurance company, a deposit and transfer centre, a data bank and a regional training cen-

He said the sub-committee did not assess the cost of these projects because it has the capability to cover their cost. Neither does it aim to acquire parmers in investment because these partners are already available, Mr. Basba said.

The sub-committee aims to inform international investors that Jordan merely seeks to develop the financial infrastructure of its institutions and its systems and instruments as well as to acquire the modern technical means to achieve this.

Mr. Basha said that the first Jordanian financial institution was set up in 1907. At present Jordan boasts 71 financial institutions which maintain strong ties with foreign banks and international financial insti-

Of the 71 banks, 65 banks are owned and operated by the private sector, Mr. Basha said. The banks employ 94,920 people. -

Following parliament's endorsement of the new investments law last month, representatives of major international credit rating institutions visited the Kingdom to assess the new finance environment and to offer ideas and proposals for its development.

## Deputies blame government

(Continued from page 12) and answers is not enough." Centrist deputies had also their share of grievances. Deputy Anwar Haddid described the one-person, onevote law as a catastrophe and complained of the lack of basic facilities to deputies' mainly the small number of offices assigned to deputies. He also said deputies were frustrated and embarrased after the lack of public awareness to his/her role as lawmaker.

"Our voters expect us to oppose the government's policies while they want us to provide services for them," Deputy Hadid said. "Islamists and leftists do not face this difficulty." Senator Ma'an Abu

Nowar, who lashed out at one of the House's secretarial employees — Hassan Abdul-lah — for demanding administrative independence and criticising paragraphs in the Constitution, highly praised the performance of Parliament but called for better procedures for the questionanswer sessions.

Jan Westenhroek, députy secretary general of the

## ICRC visits

tContinued from page 12) oners for the first time in three years. Khiam is located across the oorder from Israel, which has around 1,000 troops degroup of the European Peoples Party at the European Parliament, said there would be difficulties in amending

the constitution.

Dr. Westenbroek, lauded what he described as the frankness of participants and their constructive ideas but criticised Mr. Abu Nowar's comments as undemocratic. "There should be freedom

of speech here and I was hurt to see that it was prevented," he said. "The exercise of democracy failed to a certain Participants at the three-

day seminar drew several recommendations that included - Increasing the regular

parliamentary session to six or eight months; Giving more access to

parliamentarians to propose draft laws: - Improving the basic services offered to deputies;

- Preventing the dissolution of parliament; and Drawing new bylaws and taking the appropriate steps to include democratic rules and principles in curri-culae at schools and universi-

northern areas.

All Khiam inmates there are held on charges of aiding and abetting guerrilla attacks launched to dislodge Israel from the enclave it set up in 1985 as a buffer against crossborder guerrilla attacks on its

# JBA to prepare information file on Jordanian-Egyptian private sectors

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jor-Businessmen's Association (JBA) says it is preparing a comprehensive file on the relationship between the Jordanian and Egyptian private sectors to be submitted next month to the Jordan-Egypt Business Council meeting.

According to a JBA state-ment Monday, the meeting, entitled, "The present situation and future prospects," will be beld in Cairo between Nov. 7 and 10 and will be attended by at least 50 Jordanian businessmen representing national econòmic sectors.

The Jordanian delegation to the meeting will be led by JBA Chairman Hamdi Tabbaa and will include



Hamdi Tabbaa

several association council said. The Jordan-Egypt Busi-

members, the statement

ness Council was established 10 years ago, and over the past years the council has held five meetings alternately in Amman and Cairo.

In these meetings, the council usually discusses promoting trade exchanges between Jordan and Egypt and submits recommendations to the two countries' governments on ways to facilitate trade and investments by individuals or companies, according to the statement.

It said that the sixth meeting, which will be beld next month, is designed to discuss in particular the execution of Joint economic ven-



Minister of Public Works and Housing Abdul Razzak Ensour Monday opens an interntional conference on seismology (Petra photo)

# Minister urges experts to employ earthquake resistant techniques in construction

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Public Works and Housing Abdul Razzak Ensour Monday opened a three-day international conference on seismology urging countries to exchange information, expertise and modern technology.

Attended by 80 delegates from eight Arab states and seven foreign countries, the conference is focusing on working papers dealing with geology, seismology and tremors, resistance of installations to earthquakes and means of minimising earthquake damage.

Mr. Ensour urged the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) to maintain cooperation with various research centres around the world and exchange data related to earthquakes.

He underlined the need for the construction of earthquake resistant huildings, adding that the engineering sector hears a serious responsibility towards safety. He stressed that future construction requires the adoption of modern scientific techniques.

The minister also urged Jordanian organisations to

apply the Jordanian National Building Code which, he said, guarantees minimum safety against earthquakes JEA board member

Mohammad Ahu Afifeh said the conference aims at providing a solid hase for the exchange of ideas and expertise and also a forum in which to hear the latest results of research work in seismology.

He called for a comprehensive study on the buildings in Jordan, particularly in Amman, with a view to making them earthquake -

## **FILMS**

Video films entitled "Bouillon du Culture" and "Les Fables de la Fontaine" at the French Cultural Centre at

"Picasso" at Insbituto Cervantes, Jabal Amman at 6.00pm.

Documentary film on the life of the late president Jamai Abdul Nasser at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman at 6.30pm.

\* "Mona Saudi-Artist and Sculptor" (In Arabic) by Nazeh Khatir at Darat Al Funun, Jahal Weibdeh at 6.00pm.

# **EXHIBITIONS**

Arabic calligraphy hy Ali 'Abbadi at Baladna Art Gallery.

\*A Retrospective Exhibition of Sculptures and Drawings (1965-1995) hy Mona Saudi at Darat Al

## Funun, Jebel Weibdeh.

\*Graphic design by Iraqi artist Kazem Shamhoud at Orfali Art Gallery, Um Utheina.

\*Painting and sculpture by Rafiq Lahham and Laith Al Turk at the Italian Language Centre Gallery, Shmeisani.

\*Abstract art by the Syrian artist Mohammad Daghestani at the Phoenix Gallery.

\* Selected works by the young and the established at The Gallery, Hotel InterContinental.

\* Works by Lamia Abdel Sahib and Samer Ousama entitled "Aux Sources Orientales de la Fontaine," at the French Cultural Centre.

## **NEWS**

\* The McNeil-Lehrer News Hour at the American Center at

# Russians call temporary halt to Chechenya accord

MOSCOW (R) — Russian negotiators called a temporary halt to implementation of a disarmament and troop reduction agreement in rebel Chechenya Monday following a bomh attack on the commander of Russian forces in the region. .

Interfax News Agency Major-General Viktor Vlasenkov as saving a joint Russian-Chechen commission had taken the decision "in connection with the deteriorating situation and the serious condinon of co-chairman of the commission Lieutenant-General Anatoly Ro-

But Movladi Udugov, spokesman for separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, said the Chechen members of the commission had opposed the move, saying it would only make things

The Chechens had also opposed a Russian proposal to move commission meetings and the mission of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OCSE) from Grozny, Mr. Udugov said, quoted hy

Meanwhile 40 people died and 20 were injured in

ruling Conservatives tried

hody blow to party morale

caused by the defection of a

former minister to the

Labour Party just two days

before the Conservative

Prime Minister, John

Major admitted to renegade

member of parliament Alan

Howarth in a late night tele-

phone call Sunday that his

sensational move from right

to left across the political

spectrum had pained him

very openly and very hon-

estly. He told me how

pained he was hy what I had

done and what a nuisance it

was to him," Mr. Howarth,

a former junior education

minister and a member of

parliament since 1983, told

In public, however, Mr.

Major was upbeat in

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a general election due hy

"I believe it was a mistake

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BBC Radio.

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annual conference.

weekend against two villages in Checbenya, the News Agency Interfax reported Monday citing Chechen sources.

The sources said the Sunday raids targeted the village of Roshny-Chu, located 35 kilometres southwest of the capital Grozny, and Mesker-Yurt, located 25 kilometres east of Grozny.

The Sunday raids were carried out by two jets that flew from Azerbaijan, a Russian military source was quoted as saying.

Tension in the rebel region has increased sharply since Friday's attack on Gen. Romanov, a major advocate of peace who now lies unconscious and severely wounded in a Moscow hos-

President Boris Yeltsin was meeting top advisers Monday to decide whether to impose a state of emergency in Chechenya hut separatist leaders say this

would derail peace moves. Mr. Yeltsin was considering his next move after Gen. Romanov, was gravely injured.

"It is my opinion that a state of emergency must be imposed in Grozny," Russian Interior Minister emergency would spell the Anatoly Kulikov, echoing a end of a joint commission Anatoly Kulikov, echoing a

Major's party plays down defection

LONDON (R) - Britain's take," Mr. Major said late shocking blow to the gov-

Sunday. "Nothing will dis-

with his analysis of the

Conservative Party, hut

nothing will distract us

from the task ahead. We

have an election to win, and

we intend to win it," he told

In his resignation letter,

Mr. Howarth said he

believed the government

had become arrogant and

uncaring to ordinary

Britons after 16 years in

adamaging to our democra-

He was the first sitting

Conservative MP to join

Labour, which has a 30-

point lead in opinion polls

after its party conference

last week, hailed hy com-

Mr. Major's majority in

the 651-seat parliament is

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The prime minister's

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Monday to play down the tract us from having a very

proposal hy the government, said in a television interview.

Mr. Yeltsin's envoy in the north Caucasus region, Oleg Lobov, who survived a bomh attack last month, said hostile forces were trying to torpedo talks on turning a shaky ceasefire into a permanent end to the conflict over Chechenya's independence hid.

"Effective measures are needed to neutralise the forces that are trying to light the flame of war again," he said in a statement from

Grozny. But Mr. Udugov warned Moscow that tough action jeopardise peace would

negotiations.
The introduction of a state of emergency in Grozny will mean in effect that the Russian leadership has given in to the terror-ITAR-TASS news ists, agency quoted Mr. Udugov,

as saying. He said the separatists would abide hy a faltering agreement under which they are to disarm and the Russians are to withdraw most of their troops, sent in

last December. Bot he said a state of

ernment's standing was

echoed by party chairman

Brian Mawhinney, who

Howarth as maverick out-

"I wasn't very impressed

hy the arguments Alan gave

for his eccentric decision."

Mr. Mawhinney said. "This

is a hright sunny day, there

isn't a shadow in sight." Mr.

Howarth claims there are up

to 40 Conservative MPs

who share his misgivings.

· "We've got to demon-

trate we have a vision right

through to the millenium.

We've got to use this con-

ference as part of a coherent

plan right through to the

general election," Mr.

Mawhinney told BBC

Commentators agreed Mr.

Howarth's defection would

overshadow the proceed-

ings in Blackpool and ham-

Monday's Daily Telegraph

showed Labour's lead had

grown to 30 points from 28

tried

Radio.

to portray Mr.

monitoring implementation of the agreement, signed on July 30. "This would automatically mean that implementation of the military agreement would halt," he

Mr. Udugov, in separate remarks to Interfax News Agency, said the rebels would meet a deadline to hand in their big guns hy Tuesday and completely disarm by Oct. 25.

"I deciare officially we are ready to strictly observe this although Russian reports say arms are being handed in so slowly that the deadline lonks unlikely to be

The Russian government asked Mr. Yeltsin Friday to impose emergency measures in Grozny and Mr. said Russia Knlikov reserved the right to use force unless the rebels complied with the July 30 agree-

An official in Checbenya's Moscow-installed administration said security was being stepped up in Grozny, hut TASS said three Interior Ministry servicemen were wounded when a mine hlew up in the

# Magazine: United States. Mexican

ture Sunday.

United Nations. He also celehrated open air masses, including Sunday in Baltimore's Oriole Park and Saturday in Central Park in New York. In stadium masses and

people with AIDS.

to welcome those seeking 300 gospel singers waved freedom and to serve the On Sunday, the Pontiff

tion limits and welfare cuts

urged the faithful to heed America's founding fathers and hring religious convictions to bear on political issues. "Democracy needs virtue.

if it is not to turn against everything that it is meant to defend and encourage," he said at Baltimore-Washington Airport, "Democracy stands or falls with the truths and values

which it emhodies and promotes. The most lasting impressions of the Pope's visit were not his words - polls

show many U.S. Catholics disagree with him on issues ranging from hirth control to women priests -- but his gentle presence: A stoopshouldered 75-year-old man believed hy many in his 60 million-member U.S. flock to be the vicar of Christ on From Central Park, where

130,000 worshippers began gathering at dawn in a natural open-air cathedral, to Giants Stadium, where 88,000 worshippers braved torrential downpours, there rose a familiar chant: "John

Paul II, we love you.'

yellow and white Vatican flags and sang the spiritual "I want to be ready when Jesus comes." the stadium had not rocked to such cheers since Cal Ripken hroke Lou Gehrig's 56year-old record of playing

At Oriole Park Sunday.

in 2,130 straight games. Later Sunday, a crowd police estimated at 350,000 watched the Pontiff travel through downtown streets in the Popemohile.

In his departure speech Sunday, the Pope urged the nation to be a model of democracy hy respecting life in all stages of develop-

cherish life, defend life, from conception to natural But the speeches are not

what Ramon Damian will remember most about the Pope's visit.

Sunday at the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

"God came to me today."



Pope John Paul II bugs two children who presented him with flowers upon his arrival at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport (AFP photo)

# Pope returns from U.S. trip

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II returned Monday from a five-day visit to the United States, which included a speech at the United Nations.

The papal plane touched down at 10:10 a.m. (0910 GMT) at Ciampino Airport south of Rome to conclude the Pope's 68th foreign voyage and fourth to the

U.S. Vice President Al Gore led the delegation at Baltimore-Washington Air-port for the Pope's depar-

The Pope delivered a speech Thursday to mark the 50th anniversary of the

cathedral addresses during his five-day visit, the Pope returned to familiar themes of his papacy, urging America to rid itself of the "moral hlight" of abortion and euthanasia, and to work on behalf of the poor, the disabled, the elderly and

In a homily not far from the Statue of Liberty, the Pope encouraged a nation that is pondering immigra"I say to you again. America, in light of your

own tradition: Love life,

Damian, a Mexican immigrant, and his wife and two children were among 20 people sharing a chicken casserole with the Pope

His reaction to the Pope?

#### per Mr. Major's attempts to ence, starting in Blackpool five if an anti-European huild on his victory in July Tuesday, which he hopes Conservative, Sir Richard MARIEHAMN, Finland deputy foreign ministers as Russia and Finland knowledge, the report added, without giving furin a contest for the party will lay the foundations for Body, votes against the (AFP) — Armenia and leadership. a fifth successive victory at party as he has threatened to An opinion poll in

Azerbaijan began new talks Monday in an effort to resolve the conflict over ownership of Nagorno diplomatic Karabakh, sources said.

Delegates Azerbaijan and Armenia, as well as Armenian separatists from the Karabakh eoclave, arrived in the Finnish port of Mariehamn on the Aaland Islands off southwest Finland for a week of closed door talks aimed at breathing life into increasingly . deadlocked negoriations.

egoniations. France, Hungary, Russia, Azerbaijan and Armema's Sweden and Turkey, as will

Tofig Zulfugarov and Vardan Oskanian attended the talks, while Foreign Minister Arkadi Gonkassian represented the separatists

from Nagorno Karabakh.
Next Monday and
Tuesday, the negonators will be joined by members of the Minsk group, which the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe has entrusted with solving the conflict since

The Minsk group brings together Germany, the United States, Belarus, which are co-presidents. However, the latest round

to gain independence for Nagomo Karabakh, an enclave within Azerbaijan, hut which is populated mostly hy

# Armenia, Azerbaijan hold peace talks

of talks have little chance of success, diplomatic sources said. The separatists have fonght Azerbaijani forces for six years in an attempt

Armenians. Fighting between April 1988 and May 1994, when a

ceasefire was announced, left more than 20,000 people dead and 500,000

# Victims interred in mass graves as fresh tremors jolt Indonesia

Sumatra island.

and two overnight aftershocks brought more misery to the survivors of the quake that hit parts of Jambi province in south-central Sumatra with a magnitude of 7 on Saturday.

President Suharto's office said he would visit the area Wednesday.

Officials said at least 100 people died, hut only 79 hodies have been recovered so far. Almost 700 people were seriously injured, and about 10,000 hulldings were damaged or destroyed.

Meanwhile, an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.3 hit Aceh. the most northern province on Sumatra, at 22:29 p.m. (1529 GMT) Sunday.

Indian Ocean, jolted Aceh's capital, Banda Aceh, but no damage or casualties were reported, said Harit Heru of the Meteorology Geophysics Agency.

Terrified people ran out on the streets, he said. Banda Aceh is 1,040 kilometres (640 miles) northwest of Sungaipenuh, which is close to the epicentre of Saturday's quake.

On Monday, soldiers stopped digging up the rub-

electricity lines, rigging up more tents, and distributing food and medicine, said Lt. Suhardi, head of the search

"The area has become muddy and slippery, making it dangerous and difficult to work and there is also the danger of land-

remained in makeshift camps along roadsides and in open fields. Many shiv-

and mother of three. Like many Indonesians, she uses only one name.

week or two, officials said.

Life turns beautiful for boy with ugly mug

BELING (AFP) - A brilliant student who was rejected hy several Chinese universities because he was so ugly has finally been offered a place at another institution after the Education Ministry intervened, the Education Daily reported Monday. Yang Hongwei. who suffers from a congenital deformity, excelled in his secondary-school which theoretically should have opened the door to China's top universities to study physics and computer. But all the universities where he applied turned him down, saying he was so ugly that he might frighten other students, according to press reports last month that stirred the government to action. Yang has now found a place at the Senior School for Electrical and Mechanical Science, in the central province of Henan.

#### **Brad Pitt movie** scores box-office hat-trick

LOS ANGELES (R) --Murder and action are the first choices among American moviegoers at the moment. Seven, the murder suspense movie starring Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman, led the weekend box office charts for a third straight week. earning an estimated \$10.5 million. Assassins, an action-packed rated second with an estimated \$9.4 million in ticket sales, according to box office tracking Exhibitor Relations Inc. Seven has raked in an estimated \$45 million in the past three weeks, Exhibitor Relations said.

#### Largest Hindu temple in U.S. opens on ranch

AUSTIN, Texas (R) — About 2,000 worshippers celebrated the opening in Texas hill country of what Hindu temple in North America. The temple, encompassing 35,000 square feet (3,200 square metres) and topped hy a 90-ft (30-metre) high golden dome, was huilt on what was once a cattle ranch. The temple is headquarters for International Society of Divine Love. A spokeswoman for the group said the temple was built in central Texas because its treedotted hills resembled some areas of India.

#### American Indians rally against casino tax plan

ARLINGTON. Virginia (R) - American Indian casino operators want to trump Donald Trump. Along with Las Vegas operators, the New York developer with casino interests in Atlantic City has pressed Congress to tax now-exempt revenues from gamhling casinos on Indian reservations, a major source of trihal revenues. The tax would slow the Indians' drive to take a greater share of the \$40 billion-a-year U.S. gambling

#### Hong Kong probes gigolo cop porn scandal

HONG KONG (R) -Hong Kong police are studying thousands of pictures of naked policemen after one of their anu-vice operations found officers may be posing for raunchy photos for cash, a senior police source said Wednesday. "The pictures have been seen and their veracity is being looked at," said the source, who declined to be named. "Whether they really are policemen, what they were taken for, why, and whether there are any ramifications." The photos, thought to have been part of a fake gigolo racket, showed junior officers in a variety of poses.

# will have to see it as a mis- what newspapers called a in early September. Aquino: World should speak out against rights abuses in Burma

Philippine President Corazon Aquino Monday urged world leaders to speak out against the "inhumanity" of the ruling military junta in Burma, which some trade union groups allege are using slave

Mrs. Aquino, whose "peo-ple power" revolt toppled the Ferdinand Marcos regime in 1986, said Rangoon and like-minded governments have no right to invoke sovereignty to trample on the civil rights of their citizens.

Burma's ruling junta, called the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), seized power in 1988 and disregarded the results of the 1990 national election won by the opposition. In July it released opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who had been under house arrest since

Mrs. Aquino told an international conference on Burma in the Philippine real brains behind the assascapital that "as members of the human race" individuals and governments both had a duty to speak out against human rights abuses, which she described as the "worst form of inhumanity." "for tional Confederation of

MANILA (AFP) - Former all nations to do nothing about such inhumanity will be the worst crime of all," she added.

Mrs. Aquino said world leaders should "speak out in a very loud and clear voice," and "the dictatorship would have to listen." She said the pressure of

world opinion in 1977 prevented Marcos from carrying out the execution by firing squad of her late husband, the opposition leader Benigno Aquino, after he was convicted by a military court of rebellion.

However, she said she did not know at the time that Marcos had only "post-poned" her husband's exe-

He was assassinated at Manila Airport in 1983. After Marcos was toppled, a court under the new government, led hy Corazon Aquino, convicted 15 soldiers and a civilian for the murder.

Mrs. Aquino maintains the Marcos family was the sination, hut none of them have been charged in connection with the killing.

The Burma conference was organised here hy the Brussels-hased Interna-

Trade (ICFTU). Exiled Burmese dissidents and labour leaders from 11 countries are

people."

The pool is used to work on new roads, runways, hotels, and other tourist infrastructure, it said, adding: "They are often in Mrs. Aquino is a co-leader

of the Kim Dae Jung leader.

President Oscar Arias,

recently sent a mission to Rangoon to sound out the junta on the possibility of their visiting Aung San Suu foundation leaders to "wait

attending.
The ICFTU claims that aside from repressing its citizens who practice their political rights, the South East Asian country main-tained a "highly organised form of rotating part-time slavery which draws on a pool of about three million

Foundation, a human rights group organised hy the South Korean opposition She said the group, which also includes former Indian first lady Sonia Gandhi and former Costa Rican

But the junta told the a little longer," Mrs. Aquino

campaign got drug money Colombian

leader's

BOGOTA (R) - A magazine alleged Sunday that the Cali drug cartel had donat ed money to help Mexican leader Ernesto Zedillo win his presidential election last year.

The weekly Cambio 16 newsmagazine quoted an official from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as saying the cartel had partly funded Mr. Zedillo's campaign.

But the cartel prohably did it without Mr. Zedillo's ther details. Mr. Zedillo is due to fly to Washington Monday

where he is expected to meet President Bill Clinton and other influential financial and political leaders. Drug trafficking is expected to be one of the

topics on his agenda when he meets Mr. Clinton. DEA officials say Mexico is a big transshipment point for drugs entering the United States, with about 70 per cent of the cocaine entering the country doing so from its south-

ern neighbour. The Cali cartel has already been accused of donating more than \$5 million to belp Colombian President Ernesto Samper's 1994 campaign, unleashing one of the worst political crises in

Colombia's history. Cambio 16 said the latest information came from testimony given Washington by the cartel's former treasurer. Guillermo Pallomari.

The local television news programme TV Hoy said Sunday prosecutors would go to Washington this week to interrogate Mr. Pallomari as part of their investigation into alleged drug corruption among Mr. Samper's campaign officials, congressmen and senior public officials.

"They (the United States) consider him one of the most important witnesses that they have on drug corruption," the news magazine said. "In the case of Colombia, he has been an open faucet."

SUNGAIPENUH, Indonesia (AP) - Soldiers hampered by heavy rains Monday suspended the search for more bodies in the ruhhle of a devastating earthquake on Indonesia's

The torrential downpour

There was no early estimate of the financial loss.

The tremor, centred in the

hle in Sungaipenuh.
Instead of working in the heavy rain, the troops will concentrate on repairing

and rescue team. slides," he said. Hundreds of refugees

ered in the overnight chill rather than taking shelter in those huildings left stand-"We dare not go hack to our home. We are afraid of the aftershocks," said Salmi, the wife of a farmer

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# Former Premier Alec Douglas-Home dies

LONDON (AP) - Lord Home, the aristocratic former British prime minister better known as Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Monday. He was 92.

Lord Home, whose political career stretched from the rise of the Nazis in Germany through the end of the cold war, was the last of the hlue bloods to lead Conservative Britain's Party.

He died surrounded by his family at one of his Scottish estates, Berwickshire, near the English border, his son and heir. David Douglas-Home said. The cause of death was not announced.

Lord Home (pronounced Hume) was prime minister for a year from October 1963, the compromise choice for a troubled party shaken by a sex scandal surrounding a government minister, John Profumo.

"It was an enormous It bad never occurred to me that I might be prime minister," Lord Home recalled later.

That air of being detached from the mudslinging and jockeying for power was Lord Home's hallmark through decades in politics — a patrician view of life that came from belonging to a family secure in ancient privileges and vast inherit-

As a politician, Lord Home was best known as foreign secretary and as Commonwealth secretary, jobs be held for a total of 13 years between 1955 and 1974. He presided over the end of the empire and shepherded many colonies to

independence. Because the prime minister must sit in the elected House of Commons, Lord Home gave up his string of hereditary Scottish titles, including the 14th Earl of Home, and became prime minister as Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

He was later given a life peerage as Lord Home of

Prime Minister John ding to rev Conservatives' current flagging fortunes, said, "be was understated and often underestimated."

Lord Home, a tall, slim man with a courteous manner, was defeated by Harold Wilson's socialist Labour Party after a year in office.

To Labour in the 1960s, the choice of Lord Home as

recruited

the 1930s to work for

Moscow, died Sunday, leg-

islator Rupert Allason

had been living secretly in

the west of England work-

ing on his memoirs follow-

ing his return from living in

Provence, France, six

eming Conservative Party,

who writes on security mat-

ters under the pen name Nigel West, said Cairncross

"He suffered two strokes,

the most recent only about a

mouth ago. The memoirs were finished and they were

intended for publication m

March, but that may have to

be accelerated now," the

London newspaper the

Daily Telegraph quoted Mr.

Allason as saying.
No details of funeral

arrangements were given.

In September, Cairneross

married Gayle Brinkerhoff,

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Gabriella, died in August

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London paper, the Mail On

Sunday, admitted being the

fifth man in the spy ring comprising Kim Philby,

Guy Burgess, Donald

MacLean and Anthony

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In 1991, Cairneross in an be said.

Mr. Allason of the gov-

Cairneross was 82. He

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Fifth man in U.K.

prime minister epitomised the enduring grip of class and privilege in Britain.

"An elegant anachronism," stormed Mr. Wilson. 'After half a century of democratic advance, of social revolution, the whole process has ground to a balt with a 14th earl."

Lord Home's retort still ranks among Britain's

favorite political jokes.
"I suppose, Mr. Wilson, when you come to think of it, is the 14th Mr. Wilson,"

Lord Home, the personal choice of his predecessor Harold MacMillan, and was the last Conservative leader chosen through a secretive consultations. He intro-duced ballots among lawmakers, opening the way to successors, Edward Heath and Margaret Thatcher, who had scrambled up the ladder from lower middleclass backgrounds.

Lord Home walked on to the world stage was in 1938 when as Neville Chamberlain's private secretary he accompanied the British prime minister to Munich and watched him sign the peace pact with Adolf Hitler. A year later, Britain and Germany were at war.

Many, including Winston Churchill, ranked Chamberlain's awesome misjudgment among the most shameful episode of British

Lord Home's loyalty was nnshaken by hindsight. He argued that the extra year gave Britain time to rearm. It made all the difference between defeat and victory," he said 50 years later.

Lord Home was born on July 2, 1903, beir to an earldom conferred by King James I in 1603. The other titles included Baron of Dunglass, which dates to the 14th century. After education at Eton

and Oxford, Lord Home was elected to parliament in 1931 for the Scottish district of Lanarkshire. He succeeded his father in

1951. World War II. Lord Home was invalided out of the army with spinal tuberculosis and spent two years hedridden

His wife, the former Elizabeth Alington, died in September 1990. He is survived by his son, who inherits the family titles and becomes the 15th Earl of

Home, and three danghters.

Soviet double agent Oleg

Gordievsky, who defected

to Britain in 1985, had

named Cairneross publicly

in 1990 as the fifth man hnt

Cairneross at that time

man, who rarely smiled,

worked for the British gov-

ernment for 16 years in

positions in the Foreign

Office, the Treasury, the

office of a government min-

ister, Britain's electronic

eavesdropping centre and

MI6, the spy agency responsible for gathering

He later worked for the

United Nations Food and

Agriculture Organisation in

Rome, Geneva and

Bangkok before retiring in

He told the Mail On

Sunday in the 1991 inter-

view how he won the admi-

ration of his Moscow con-

trollers when he gave them

exact details, garnered hy

allied intelligence, of the

German forces before the

decisive battle of Kursk in

1943. "I had provided

information which helped

the Soviets to win that bat-

tie against the Germans,"

another weekly British

newspaper, the Sunday

Express, he said: "Yes, I

helped the Russians. I was

recruited at Cambridge

before the war and contin-

ued meeting my Soviet con-

tacts in London in the post-

war years."

In a 1991 interview with

1974 to live in Provence.

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denied it.

# Japanese Justice Miniser Tomoharu Tazawa (centre) is surrounded by journalists and policemen as he leaves

the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo after handing in his resignation (AFP photo)

# Japan's justice chief quits amid controversy

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Justice Minister Tomoharu Tazawa resigned Monday over a controversy surrounding an undeclared loan.

Observers said his resignation, which was accepted by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, should clear the way for the passage of a key bill in parliament designed to tighten government controls over religious institutions.

Mr. Tazawa was replaced by Hiroshi Miyazawa, younger brother of former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and an upper house lawmaker from the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He was sworn in Monday. Mr. Tazawa said he resigned so that controversy over his

ties with religious groups would not get in the way of Mr. Murayama's religious organisations hill and a key supplementary budget.

The controversy which prompted Mr. Tazawa's resignation centres around a loan be obtained from a religious

"I am stepping down to avoid confusion in parliameot, and (because of) the fact that there is a concern that my ties (to religious groups) could hamper the religious organisations bill," Mr. Tazawa said after Mr. Murayama accepted

Mr. Murayama's religious groups hill is taking shape as the biggest issue in the current session of parliament which runs through Nov. 13.

Through the bill, Mr. Murayama pledged to tighten lax controls in Japan's law governing religious groups, which he says allowed the Aum doomsday cult, accused of the Tokyo snoway nerve gas attacks and other crimes, to escape checks.

Mr. Tazawa also said be could not allow his own affair to delay a huge \$50 hillion supplementary budget, part of a package of measures to invigorate the stalled economy. "I accepted the resignation because he said be wanted to

avoid confusion ahead of these important sessions in parliament," Mr. Murayama told reporters. New Justice Minister Hiroshi Miyazawa told a news con-

ference be would be cautious about invoking an anni-subversion law to outlaw the Aum sect.

This is the most sensitive issue facing the ministry due to fears that the law, never used against a group, would violate constitutional freedoms of press, speech and assembly. A Yomiuri Shimhun newspaper report triggered the controversy over Mr. Tazawa last Friday. Japan's higgest circulation daily accused Mr. Tazawa of striking a secret deal with opposition politicians to drop questions in parliament about a loan be took from the Buddhist group Rissho Koseikai.

Mr. Tazawa denied forging a secret deal but admitted he failed to report the \$2 million loan, which should bave been listed on an assets-disclosure document required of every cabinet minister.

The main opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier Party) also denied the Yomiuri account.

It said it would target Mr. Tazawa's loans and his ties with the Rissho group in parliament this week if be stayed on as justice minister. Mr. Tazawa then came under pressure from his own LDP to step down, LDP officials said. Shinshinto has vowed to kill Mr. Murayama's religious

groups bill, accusing the government of trying to undermine Shinshinto's growing voter support. Shinshinto is partly supported by the Komeito, a Buddhist-hacked polit-

# Simpson trial revealed U.S.

racial chasm — Powell

LONDON (AP) - Retired Gen. Colin Powell said Monday the O. J. Simpson trial revealed a racial chasm in America, but added that the United States gave him opportunities denied to hlacks in Britain.

"There is an enormous chasm and sometimes we forget, when we see some progress and some hlacks are doing well, ... what we have left behind in our inner cities," Gen. Powell said in a BBC Radio interview.

But Gen. Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrant parents who is considering a Republican or independent hid for the U.S. presidency, said the Simpson verdict was "not a metaphor for all race relations in the United States."

Simpson's acquittal last week on charges of murdering his former wife and her friend divided U.S. opinion largely on racial lines.

Gen. Powell, retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is in Britain on a 48-bour visit to promote his book. He was scheduled to see Prime Minister John Major, and

also relatives who emigrated to Britain from Jamaica. "Look at me, here I am a black American who is being seriously considered as a candidate for president of the United States, even though nobody knows what party I am in," Gen. Powell said.

"Consider, just 32 years ago, just about one generation ago, I couldn't go to a bathroom in a gas station in the American south. So we have made enormous progress."

# Sri Lanka rebels kill 8 commandos

COLOMBO (R) —Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed eight police commandos in an ambush in eastern Sri Lanka Monday, a military state-

A group of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels attacked a police special task force foot patrol in Pulukunawa, in the Batticaloa district, around 07.00 a.m. (0130 GMT), it said.

The statement said the commandos fought back and inflicted several casualties among the rebels. At least eight commandos were killed hut there was no word of rebel casualties, it said. The LTTE has been fighting for an independent homeland for minority

and east since 1983. Meanwhile the guerrillas reported Monday that Sri Lankan army troops are fortifying positions captured from Tamil Tiger rebels in the northern Jaffna peninsula last week and continuing

to shell surrounding areas.

Tamils in the island's north

Voice of Tigers radio said the offensive was continuing in Puttur and other areas, a resident who monitored the radio broadcast from Jaffna, the rebel stronghold, told Reuters.

"It said there was no fighting hnt that troops were fortifying their positions," he said.

Chief military spokesman Brigadier Sarath Muna-singhe said Thursday more than 300 rebels had been killed in "Operation Thunder Strike". launched on Oct. 1.

Other military sources put the operation's casualty toll among the rebels, who for 12 years have been fighting for a Tamil homeland in the north and east, at more than 500 dead and 1,000 wounded. More than 50,000 people have been killed in the

Three army brigades had captured about 25 square kilometres of territory southeast of the main Palaly Air Base as far as Muttur, Brig. Munasinghe said.

The army bad lost one officer and 52 regular troops,

Brig. Munasinghe said the army was consolidating its positions in newly captured areas in the Jaffna peninsu-

The LTTE radio reported shelling from Palaly and damage to civilian property hy troops fortifying their

new positions. "The radio reported troops had hulldozed houses," said the resident.

Rebel radio also reported a shortage of rice, flour and sugar in Jaffna because of the fighting. The government has denied there is a

food shortage.
The rebels also said in a statement that International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had been denied permission hy the military to take a team of doctors to Jaffna's main

hospital.
The present lack of meddons hardship to the people rebels.

and severely hampered the efforts of the ICRC from humanitariao providing aid," it said.

ICRC spokesman Paul Fruh declined to comment, while a military spokesman said he was not aware of the

Military officials say many rebel wounded are treated at the Jaffna Hospital.

President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga said over the weekend the 100,000-strong army needed to double its strength to win the war against the rebels.

The government has spent 16 hillion rupees (\$30g million) on the war since the rebels broke a three-month truce and resumed hostilities in April, refusing to consider a peace plan to end the 12-year revolt.

Mrs. Kumaratunga said the government needed to find another 500 hillion ical and support staff at the rupees (\$9.6 hillion) to have hospital has caused tremen- a chance of defeating the

# N. Korea appoints new minister in defence reshuffle

SEOUL (R) - North Korea has named its army's chief of general staff, Choe Kwang, as its new defence minister in a reshuffle analysts in Seoul said underscored continuity in the North's military policies.

The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), North Korea's official mouthpiece, said Monday the country's uncrowned leader Kim Jong-Il signed the order appointing Marshal Choe Sunday.

Marshal Choe and Ri Ul-Sol, a member of the pow-erful National Defence Committee, were also promoted to marshals of the Korean People's Army, it said. The only other marshal in North Korea is Kim Jong-II, eldest son and long-designated heir of the late President Kim II-Sung.

"The North appears to be paving the way for Kim Jong-II to be elevated to generalissimo by promoting leadership that emerged

two vice-marshals to marshals," said Kim Koo-Seup, chief researcher on North Korea at Seoul's Korea Institute for Defence.

"There was no surprise in the announcement. Old guards and close associates of Kim Jong-Il were confirmed in higher military positions," he said.

The junior Kim, who is supreme commander of North Korea's 1.1-millionstrong military, has yet to be formally confirmed in the two key posts his father held - general secretary of the Communist Party and state president.

South Korean officials said Mr. Kim Jong-Il could be promoted to generalissimo, another title his father held, before he takes over other

national leadership posts. Marshal Choe replaces O Jin-U, whose death through cancer in February widened a bole in North Korea's

after the death last year of Marshal O had been number two in the North's hierar-

KCNA did not say who will now be army chief of KCNA, monitored in Tokyo, said three generals

- air force commander Jo Myong-Rok, the Communist Party's military department chief Ri Ha-ll and Kim Yong-Chun — had also been promoted to vicemarshals. South Korea's official

watcher of North Korean evenis, the Naewoe Press, quoted North Korean radio as saying Mr. Kim Jong-II had promoted three colonel generals to full generals and five lieutenant generals to colonel generals.

The military reshuffle came as North Korea prepared to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its roling party

"The move shows Pyong-'great leader" Kim Il-Sung. yang's willingness to demonstrate Mr. Kim Jong-Il is firmly in control. This ironically reinforces the theory that Kim Jong-Il's formal succession would be further delayed because of economic problems," a Seoul official said.

"With the delay he might want to show his influence in the military which is critical for maintaining power," he said.

Marshal O, one of late President Kim's closest allies, was a staunch advogate of the autocranc leader's decision two decades ago to groom Kim Joog-II for succession. Marshals Choe Kwang and

Ri Ul-Sol were among military elders who helped Kim ll-Sung in the guerrilla war for Korean independence from Japanese colonial rule, which ended with Tokyo's defeat in 1945 at the end of World War II.

# Taiwan: An Asia - Pacific Operations Centre

internationalise its economy and expand its global markets, the Republic of China on Teiwan intends to play a key role in the economy integration of the Asia-Pecific region in the 21st century . To prepare itself for this rule, the ROC hes begun work on a plan to transform Teiwan into an operation centre for the Asia-Pacific region within the next decade. As an Asia- Pcific Operations Centre . Taiwan will serve as a

stepping stone for local end multinational businesses that want to invest in and develop Asia-Pecific markets, including Southeast Asie and mainland

Centrally located in East Asia, Taiwan is well -situated to hecome a regional operations centre. Taiwen has a solid manufacturing base, an abundant supply of highly skilled manpower vigorous domestic markets, experts , a strong industrial base end cultural background. The plan to develop Taiwan into a regional operations centre is: divided into two parties, a macroeconomics edjustment programme and a specialised operations centre macroeconomics

development plan. The adjustment plan is designed to improve Taiwan's overall economic infrastructure by allowing the four "!" finvestment, industry, individual and information) to follow freely in and out of Taiwan. The specialised

operation centre development plan involves making Taiwan a centre for six economic activities in the Asia-Pacific : manufacturing, sea transportation, air -transportation, financial services telecommunications and media production.

Manufacturing Taiwan hoasts a strong manufacturing base and a highly skilled work force . Companies will he encouraged to choose Taiwan as their base for manufacturing

high-value-added products and for marketing these products in the Asia-Pacific region. The plan to develop Taiwan as a manufacturing centre will be by: relaxing restrictions on foreign investment setting up twenty to thirty "intelligent" industrial parks in which companies will enjoy incentives, assistance provided by the roc government: establishing digital

communicational links between industrial parks and traditional parks.

Sea transportation

Taiwan is also qualified

to serve as a sea cargo transhipment hub for the Asia -pacific region. kaohsiung harhour in southern Taiwan has been designated as an "offshore transhipping port" for trade with the Chinese mainland . Taiwan's two other major ports, taichung and keelung, will serve as a supplementary seaports.

Air transportation to establish itself as an air transportation center Taiwan will first develop an express cargo transit center and then create an aviation city centring around the cks international airport and its adjacent areas.

Financial services the establishment of a financiel services will allow finenciel institutions in Taiwan, hoth domestic and foreign, to provide east Asian nations with cross-border financial services. "full freedom offshore and gradual liberalisation domestically" will he the initial policy.

Telecommunications Taiwan is an attrective location for regional telecommunications services . the plan to accentuate Taiwan's strengths in this regard includes : providing high-quality services at reasonable prices ; developing a switching hub and a customer service center: enforcing planning and implementation of a national information infra- structure.

Medie

The mandarin media market in taiwan, hong kong, and the chinese mainland will he worth \$ 14 billion by the year 2000. The media center in taiwan , which will he aimed at this huge market, will focus on high- tech movie production and postproduction.





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#### Unilateralism that backfires

ISRAEL IS now demanding from us, through the deputy mayor of Jerusalem at least, to amend Jordan's National Charter by deleting references to Zionism in it as a racist and imperialist movement. Israel has made similar demands from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to change its charter especially where it purports to stake a claim for the entire land of Palestine. The Jewish state has in fact succeeded aiready in rescinding all U.N. resolutions that had equated Zionism with racism and is now husy embarking on a campaign to cancel all U.N. decisions that declare its annexation of East Jerusalem null and void.

We do understand that the peace treaty between us and Israel calls for changes in legislation, practices and even policies of the two countries. What we do not and cannot fathom, however, is Israel's repeated calls on the Arab parties to make unilateral amendments without parallel changes on its part.

Take, for example, the charter of the Zionist Movement which still makes a claim to Eretz (Greater) Israel comprising not only the West Bank (still referred to as Judea and Samaria) but also parts of the Arab World extending to Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and even Egypt.

Appropriate and necessary changes need to be mutual and not one-sided, as Israel is so demanding. Would Israeli major parties, including the Labour and Likud blocs, accept to convene a national conference to introduce the necessary amendments to the Zionist Movement's platform so that the Arab side can be reassured on Israel's long-term objectives in the Middle East? Is it not high time that Israel denounced its biblical claims to many parts of the Arab World in return for the peace treaties that the Arab countries have entered or are willing to sign with it? As for the Rabin government's campaign during the current session of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, which is aiming to reverse all international resolutions on Jerusalem, should we not at least wait until the fate of the Holy City is satisfactorily negotiated between Israel and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) before we tear down international legitimacy?

Peace in the region requires all parties to come clean on any new initiative to achieve it. Israel will not be entitled to make new demands on Jordan or the Palestinians, not to mention the Arab World and the international community, unless and until it cleans its own house first.

## ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A writer in Al Rai daily Monday said that an article published in Al-Hayat newspaper against Jordanian journalists and government officials, accusing them of being in the pay of Iraq, aimed at destabilising Jordan and distorting its image before the world. Tareq Masarweh said that the media is suing the London-based Saudi newspaper so that the court reveals the truth about the paper's allegations and accusations. The Al-Hayat article said that Jordanian officials, ministers and journalists were receiving sums of money from the Iraqi authorities as a bribe to influence the government's stand, to which Mr. Masarweh responded that such an attitude is considered part of a hostile campaign against the Kingdom rather than the journalists of the country, because the report aimed at marring Jordan's relations with the other Arab countries and distorting its image on the domestic front. The writer said that it was clear that the report, which also alleged the Kingdom was rife with corruption, had tried to harm the country's security and damage its democracy.

Mohammad Kawash a writer in Al Dustour criticised the terrorist campaigns launched by Algerians in France, saying the hlasts at metro stations and other poblic places were bound to hackfire and cause barm to the Algerian community living in France. The writer said we should admit that the French government is a friend of the Arabs and supports the Arab nation's just causes, while he added that the French people maintain strong ties with Arabs, especially Algerians and other North African Arabs. The spate of bombings in France, he said, cannot serve the Algerian people, but will only win enemies against Arab causes through these acts of violence and the fall of innocent French citizens. The blasts he added, will not solve the internal conflict in Alger either. By extending their terrorist campaign to France, Algerian groups are committing dangerous acts that will harm the Algerian nation and will only invite counter French measures.

The View from the Fourth Circle

By Rami G. Khouri

# The press, the law, the state, and a plate of knafeh

THE BRIEF detention in jail last week of Jordanian journalist Salameb Ne' matt raises several important questions about the conduct of our press and journalists; it raises more important issues related to the functioning of the law in Jordan. All of us in Jordan who dearly love our country and want it to be a model for this region and the rest of the developing world should take this opportunity to explore further the full dimensions of this issue — and the quality of our statehood.

I am intrigued to find out the truth about the specific issue that Mr. Ne'matt wrote about - alleged Iraqi payments to journalists and officials in Jordan in an effort to undermine Jordanian official policy towards Iraq. As this issue is now before the court, I must respect the legal constraint that forbids journalistic comment on pending judicial cases. I trust the Jordanian legal system sufficiently to await the court's findings on this matter, especially in view of the more activist and patently fair condoct of Jordanian courts in several recent cases involving the press and some state security matters.

The fact that Mr. Ne'matt was detained for two days raises specific legal questions that the lawyers and the courts will sort ont in due time. I am not a lawyer, but my consultations with lawyers and specialists in this field suggest to me the following relevant questions about this matter. Was it necessary to detain Mr. Ne matt for two days, and to have Jordan's good name smeared around the world? Or, could the force and intent of Jordanian law bave been served equally well hy charging Mr. Ne matt with slandering the journalistic profession or endangering national security, and then releasing him on bail without spending two nights in prison? If the state in fact deemed Mr. Ne'matt's conduct dangerous to national security or libellous to the good name of the Jordanian media, then why was he ever released on bail? (Either he is a menace and a threat and should remain in jail, or he is merely irksome and not so dangerous to the well-being of our 4.2 million Jordanians that be cannot be allowed to roam the streets). If the intent of the Press and Publications Law is to have journalists reveal their sources to a court of law regarding stories thought to touch on national security or criminal issues - as the law states - and Mr. Ne'matt clearly stated his willingness to reveal his sources if a court of law asked him to do so, then wby was be jailed for two days?

I and many others look forward to learning the answers. The decisions and actions of the prosecutor-general in this case should prompt us to discuss the wider actions of government officials in applying the law in a broad range of fields that affect the daily lives of millions of ordinary Jordanians. Those of us who raise these issues do not do so because we are critical of Jordan, but because we deeply value Jordan and what it represents in modern historical terms: a daring and impressive determination in the developing world to build an ethos of statehood based on getting there-fast, but we are not completely there yet =

respect for the dignity and rights of human beings, and on the humane and egalitarian conduct of the state. We are-One of our great challenges is to complete the modern transition that this century has imposed on us: the transi-tion from a traditional collective of separate tribal and eth-

nic communities (that derive their identity, protection and well-being from their tribal and communal base), to a modern state in which the individual and the family are protected by the force of laws that are equally and fairly applied to all Jordanian nationals, regardless of their wealth, social standing, or political inclination.

As any Jordanian national will attest - in court, in the press or in our hearts - one of our weaknesses as a country is the uneven or inconsistent application of laws. rules and regulations by government agencies and officials. For example, in my own personal life in the last several months, I bave encountered the following cases:

- A tax department official decided arbitrarily that the expenses of our private company had to be reduced by 'X' thousand dinars, without providing any consistent or formal rationale for how this sum was contrived. Dialogue got us nowhere, so we ended up appealing the decision in the tax court system.

- A traffic policeman issued us a parking ticket for allegedly parking in a no-parking zone in Shmeisani. We cbecked carefully and there was no sign indicating that this is a no-parking zone, and cars are always parked there. The policeman was no longer there when we saw the ticket, and therefore we had no choice but to pay the modest fine, or else go through a time-consuming legal process.

- A customs agent at the airport arbitrarily decided that I should pay 'X' bundred dinars import duty on a computer printer that I brought into the country and declared to the agent. He decided on his own the retail price of the printer, which was much higher than its actual price. and thus I ended up paying more duty than I should have. The alternative was to go through a time-consuming appeals process that simply was not worth it. I paid, and have been printing happily ever since.

- An official at the customs department in Amman wrote the wrong value of a shipment of goods we imported, which then required a long and complex appeal process to correct the amount written in the documents so that we would not be unfairly over-charged on our end-ofyear income tax calculations.

These are only a few examples of incidents that I personally experienced in recent months. Do they reflect mere inefficiency? Bad luck? Corruption? Boredom? Poor training? Resistance to modernisation? Lack of institutionalisation? The cultural consequence of temperate ecology? Something less, or more, sinister? I do not really know. None of these incidents on their own is particularly earth-shaking or destructive, but all of them may reflect a larger pattern of application of the law that leaves ton much room for personal interpretation or whim.

Of course, one could argue credibly, this is our charm, this is what makes Jordan such a pleasant place. If you know the right person, or you have a cousin or neighbour strategically located in a government agency where you need to process some routine bureaucratic paperwork, the personal touch works wonders. The flexibility of personal interpretation of laws and regulations can be a wonderfulthing if the interpretations work in your favour; the same process can be very frustrating and damaging, even costly, if decisions go against you. Perbaps the most common phenomenon in this respect is the corporate tax collector's

annual assessment, which changes according to the individual tax official who happens to audit your company books that year.

When these phenomena occur in the realm of law application, in cases that involve charges of endangering state security or something near that magnitude, the consequences are altogether more serious. Therefore, I suggest, it is very important for Jordan to identify those areas in our laws and legal system that still permit a wide latitude for personal interpretation by government officials, so that the rights and obligations of all Jordanians are clearly spelled out, understood and applied.

If some points arise that do need interpretation, which is bound to happen, then the hurden of interpretation should be placed on the shoulders of courts and judges, not on the shoulders of individual government officials of the executive branch. The whole point about our democracy, pluralism and respect for human rights is that they formally and unambiguously separate the functions of those who make the laws (the legislature) from those who implement them (the executive) from those who interpret them (the judiciary). We still bave too many instances in Jordan where the three functions of governance can hlur into the single phenomenon, personality, temperament and inclination of government official. The law often officially sanctions this; many laws, after specifying in great detail the rights and ohligations of Jordanians and the duties and powers of government officials, often end with a clause such as "or anything else that is so determined by the minister."

One of the Kingdom's strengths today, is that such deliberate ambiguity is being slowly contained and defined by the courts. We have seen this in recent press cases, where courts overturned decisions by Ministry of Information officials to suspend two opposition newspapers.

While it is true that channels exist for appealing the unilateral administrative decisions of government officials, the parallel fact is that the time and cost of appealing are often too high to warrant exercising the right of appeal. It is simply not worth the time to spend balf a day appealing against a JD 5 parking ticket that was wrongly issued. So we pay the JD 5, enjoy a plate of fresh knafeh, and get on with life's little hlessings and agonies. But we actually pay a lot more than JD 5. We pay the much larger cost of the predicament that bedevils most of the Third World: some lingering pockets of imprecision in the separation of powers in governance systems that boast about or still aspire to an ethos of democracy, participation and accountability.

I raise these issues because I believe that Jordan has too much decency, honour and goodwill to acquiesce much longer in those lingering pockets of imprecision within the business of political governance and the structures of statebood. Some people may think it is dangerous and seditious to raise these issues. I think it is dangerous to ignore them, and an act of deeply, affectionage patriotism to raise them. We make our country the best it can be by whittling away at its few imperfections, not by ignoring

# Clinton's new Cuba initiative: Don't bet on Castro's

By George Gedda The Associated Press

WASHINGTON Increasing contact between ordinary Cuhans and Americans is the newest wrinkle in U.S. policy toward Cnba. Bnt President Fidel Castro has already said be sees the idea as just another gambit to undermine his revolu-

tion. And if Castro refuses to cooperate, he won't get any complaints from Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who considers the initiative evidence of administration

weakness toward Cuba. President Clinton announced Friday he is easing restrictions on travel to Cuba so that American educators, clerics, environmentalists and buman rights groups can work with independent counterparts in Cuha, which have been growing in number recently.

The goal, Clinton said, is to "promote democracy and the free flow of ideas." But to accomplish it. Clinton will need the cooperation of the Cuban government, and Castro made clear two months ago he was not interested. He said the concept was

authored by "thnse who want to infiltrate us, weaken us, to create all types of counter-revolutionary organisations, and to destabilise the country regardless of the consequences."

He said Cuba would welcome an American expert in computers or another technological area "that has nothing to do with ideology."

Castro may have in mind the experience of Poland, where a mushrooming of contacts between non-official Poles and

-Americans is widely believed to have beightened opposition to the regime. In 1989, Poland became the first communist country to turn to democracy as a result of rebellion from within

The head of the U.S. diplomatic mission in Cuba, Joseph Sullivan, apprised Cuban officials of the new policy Friday morning shortly after Clinton disclosed it in a speech. Cuban foreign ministry

spokesman Miguel Alfonso, in a telephone interview with the Associated Press in Mexico City, called Clinton's announcement meaningless because it has nn impact on the

U.S. embargo against Cnba. "Wc don't give it any importance whatsoever," he said.

Ricardn Alarcon, president of the Cuban parliament, said the United States "is continuing with the same policy..."

"They have made a big noise over something that is absolutely nothing," Alarcon said at a news conference in

Jose Hernandez, president of the Cuban-American National Foundation, an anti-commnnist group, said Friday in Miami he doubts Castro will go along with Clinton's proposai.

"The American people will only be able to communicate with the Cuban people if Castro allows it - and that's a big if," Hernandez said.

The foundation's representarive in Washington, Jose Cardenas, said he has no objection to increased contacts so long as leftist groups masquerading as apolitical organisations are not permitted to roam Cuba at will, serving as defenders of the regime.

He said the new policy will

have "maximum effect" only if it is implemented "in concert with an intensification of economic pressure on Castro."

Dole, came out in strong opposition to Clinton's initiative and agreed with Cardenas that a tighter embargo is the answer.

A co-author of pending legislation to accomplish that, Republican Dan Burton, said the initiative suggests Clinton is eager to have normal relations with Castro. "I am very distressed," said Burton, chairman of the House International Relations Subcommittee on Latin America.

Dole, a presidential candidate, suggested that the easing of travel restrictions is the work of the "many advisers who favour normalising relations with Cuba." He said Friday's announcement may very well be the end of the travel

embargo Another Republican presidennial candidate, Senator Phil Gramm, accused Clinton of "putting out the welcome mat to Castro instead of tightening the noose around his aging

neck." State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns acknowledged that the new policy could lead to additional dollar income for Cuba but, he said, there won't be any

"windfalls." Clinton, he added, wants "to enhance the fies between the people of the United States and the people of Cuba, and we hope in the long-term they'll be part of our effort to provide more leverage on the Cuban government to change.

"Cuba is the only non-democrafic government in this hemisphere. Cuba is clearly behind the times."

# Unsafe hospitals

To the Editor:

MODERN AND sophisticated hospitals in our capital grow with quite a remarkable speed. Just like mushrooms do after a rainy day. Hospital extension projects are also underway, and God knows how many projected medical institutions are to be licensed yet. Naturally, we do believe that the motif behind this significant growth is to primarily meet the medical needs of a continuously expanding community, and provide the most efficient and professional medical care for its citizens.

Many of ns have visited (for one reason or another) one of those prestigious medical centres, and we must admit, what we see is impressive in terms of architectural design, finishing and interior decoration. On the other hand, Jordan is known in the region for its reputable medical experts in many fields, whose achievements in the medprofession have received international recognition. Well, that's the good news. The bad news, however, is that some basic medical and ethical requirements in our bospitals seem to be totally forgotten or simply neglected.

I had been quite reluctant to believe all the absurd stories of medical negligence, till a most recent incident that happened to a close friend (of mine and my hosband's) made me start to think that there is some truth to what is being told.

Our friend, a young man in his early thirties, had to undergo a minor surgery at one of the private hospitals of his choice. All went well till the night after the surgery, when he was administered an intravenous shot of a certain

antibiotics by a nurse on duty. She did ber job hurriedly without further attending the patient. The injected medication had a dramatic and speedy side-effect on the patient, whose respiratory system collapsed and in no time our friend was absolutely helpless, and believe it or not, suffocating and choking to death. If it wasn't for his brother who was there at the time of the incident, and screamed for help all around the place, I would have been probably writing an obituary right now. The nurses who were rushed to the scene were scared, confused and obviously inexperienced, for it took a long time to resuscitate the patient. As they say, all is well that ends well; yet to make things worse, on the following day, the patient continued receiving medication which had been suspended by the borne physician verbally and in writing on the patient's chart. And to cut the story sbort, after a lengthy dispute, between the home doctor, the resident doctor and staff nurse, and a written report as a result, the totally frightened patient decided to leave the bospital and rest at home in a relaxing and at least safe atmosphere. If I am not mistaken, bospitals are obligated to provide a suitable climate for its patients, especially, when one pays a high price against what he expects to receive as services in

Apparently, it takes more than excellent physicians and attractive facilities to make a hospital be a truly comfortable place for medical treatment. I wish and bope many will support my view, that those who are instrumental in running our hospitals do their job with more dedication and sincere commitment, as well as pay greater attention to matters of real substance, rather than give false images. It is the well-being of any patient, regardless of his social status, that must preoccupy their minds and deeds, instead

of prospects for commercial benefits. I would also like to add that nursing is among the noblest of professions with lots of challenges and responsibilities involved but it must always be remembered that it is meant only for those who

> Mrs. Rumiana Nuseibeh, P.O. Box 926487,

# A MENA logo!

To the Editor:

THE ONGOING preparations for the upcoming Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit (MENA) are probably by now nearing completion.

For the first time in years, this country bas the chance to project itself as an attractive investor-friendly environment and an appropriate economic focal point of the

One thing that seems to be lacking so far, however, is a conference logotype (logo), which would symbolise the conference's significance and become its "trademark." I would urge the organisers to introduce such a logo as soon as possible so that it is included in all the conference

literature and indeed the press articles related thereto. Mouneef R. Zou'bi, P.O. Box 5022, Zahran 11183

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# Features

HUMAN RIGHTS defenders are the women and men on the front lines of the struggle to realise the ideal proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that all people should be free from "fear and want." Wherever there is persecution and oppression, when human rights are denied or human dignity threatened, when harassed minorities or oppressed peoples are at risk, defenders strive to protect the weak and hold the powerful

to account. Those who stand up for human rights ofteo pay a high price for their courage. Human rights defenders are assassinated for protesting against state violence. They are jailed for demanding prisoners' rights. They "disappear" because they investigate abductions and political killings. They are harassed and have their work curtailed through ostensibly legal channels: When their writing is banned or censored, when official restrictions prevent them from getting resources to support their work and deny them the right to organise, or prevent them from representing victims. Defenders get death threats, their telephones are tapped, their bouses are watched, their families are intimidated. The greatest threat comes from governments

that have the most to hide:

The front line: Defending human rights when a government cannot tolerate any form of dissent, those who speak out on

buman rights may be sign-

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or detention order. Yet the struggle for burnan rights involves people in every region and virtually every country in the world. It espouses universal principles, embodied in international human rights instruments. The homan rights community is a combination of buman rights NGOs and other individuals or associations. including trade unions, popular and

religions organisations. Human rights defenders can be lawyers, journalists, peasant leaders, trade unionists, students, relatives of victims and many others who denounce and investigate violations; support and protect the victims; fight to end impunity; promote human rights education; and mobilise their communities in campaigns to stop the violations. The work of Amnesty International (AI) and other international human rights organisations would grind to a halt without the support, cooperation and information they pro-

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appear to have sophisticated The U.N. Draft Declaration should guarantee the right mechanisms for human to defend human rights. As an absolute minimum this rights protection have not eliminated human rights

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In countries suffering the

consequences of violent

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defenders have a decisive

role. When trade unions and

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\* the right to defend the rights of other people;

\* the right to form human rights organisations: \* the right to advocate human rights ideas freely and

the right to choose to defend any or all human rights;

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ntergovernmental organisations; \* the right to participate in peaceful actions promoting

the abservance of human rights; the right to use the law, and be protected hy it, in the defence of human rights.

activists are sometimes the only source of data about what is really happening in a particular country; they alert international NGOs and the media and denounce human rights violations to the relevant bodies of the United Nations (U.N.).

The role of human rights defenders is likewise key in countries undergoing major reform or transition. They are among the first to take advantage of small democratic openings, and they help create the space in which the right to peaceful dissent and freedom of expression can be exercised and protected. Because they are mobilised for causes

that transcened party political borders, defenders contribute to creating the civil consensus that frequently follows a period of extreme repression. Defenders try to ensure that those responsihle for past human rights violations are held to account, but they also constitute a guarantee that justice is not turned into vengeance against the old oppressors. In addition, they try to ensure that new-found freedoms flourish, hy con-

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have often been left to stand alone, surviving through sheer grit and courage. Governments have singularly failed to protect them. For more than 10 years state representatives at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights have been unable to reach agreement on the text of a basic declaration aimed at recognising and strengthening the right to defend

The debate over the declaration has been characterised by the constant tension between those who are trying to protect defenders, and reinforce the rights necessary for human rights work, and governments that would like to impose a set of limitations and ohligations that would make the work practically meaning-

human rights.

Most of the rights that make the defence of buman rights possible are already guaranteed to all people: The right to freedom of expression, for example, or to freedom of association and peaceful assembly. But given that governments can be inventive in finding ways to restrict the exercise of The U.N. draft declaration . buman rights, and given that existing international instruments contain suffi-

cient restrictions already, the purpose of this declaration should be to fortify defenders' rights in the face of real and sometimes violent suppression by governments and their agents. Governments, on the other hand, do not need any additional protection from those who are peacefully exercising their fundamental rights

and freedoms.

The Working Group responsible for the draft operates by consensus, and progress has been blocked hy a few states that have taken advantage of the consensus rule to push for amendments aimed at emphasising the duties and responsibilities of human rights defenders, rather than their rights and freedoms. The introduction of restrictive proposals, especially from Cuha, China, Syria and Mexico, has accelerated

during the last two sessions. Other states, including the USA, United Kingdom and Greece, have made valuable proposals on many issues hut have objected to clauses that would allow third parties to take court actions to protect the human rights of others. This could leave those most in need, like the

dinate the activities of defenders to national law, which often falls short of the rights and protections offered hy international human rights standards.

A small group of govern-

ments would like the subor-

There have also been attempts to limit outside financial and material support. And although the primary role of human rights defenders is to act on behalf of others, Cuha, supported by China, has proposed a wording that could restrict defeoders to defending only their own rights. This could mean, for instance, that a human rights activist might have the right to make a public declaration if be or she has been tortured, but would oot have the right to protest against the torturte of any other person.

The protection of those who defend and promote human rights is a matter of high priority for AI. Together with other international NGOs we must protect defenders and legitimise human rights activism in countries where it remains virtually impossihle today. As a first step, AI is urging the world's governments to agree a strong text for this declaration and to adopt it as a matter of

Amnesty International

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — No more bombs. No more killing Instead; the security of a father home from the war,

whether in besieged Sarajevo or down the road in Serb-beld Pale — are already dreaming about peace. A new ceasefire is

to begin Tuesday. But their bope is tempered by the knowledge of what's already lost - and of their

parents' version of who is to blame. "I bope this thing, this war finishes," mnttered 9-year-old Senad Kaliman, playing with friends around the ruins of a house

The pollar of living inside, often in base-

But at least they survived. In govern-

The leader of Senad's band of five friends is scruffy, 12-year-old Kosta Bogojevic, an ethnic Serb kid with hlond

He said his parents didn't trust previons ceasefires and kept him close to home. But with most Serb heavy weapons pulled back from around Sarajevo, he and his friends were among many Sarajevans ont on a bright Saturday.

In Pale, the Bosnian Serb stronghold just 12 miles east of where the boys stood,

n't think she'll be going back. Reflecting the propaganda that has driven the war, sbe

Turks are what Serh nationalists call Bosnia's Muslims because of the 400 years

the 19th century. In the Balkans, hatreds tend to be passed on from generation to generation.

Tanja has also learned to be cautious about the prospects for peace.

"To me, peace is when my dad stays at home and doesn't go to the front line," she said. "Dad told me peace will come in a couple of days, but..." She didn't finish the sentence. She just shrugged sceptically. In Banja Luka, the Bosnian Serbs'

biggest town, 11-year-old Irena Stajcic and ber best friend, 10-year-old Andjelija Jankovic, said they missed their bome and their fathers.

Both Serb girls fled Drvar in western Bosnia-Herzegovina when it was captured during a government-Croat offensive. Irena's father was killed when a shell hit their bome. Andjelija's father is usually at

the front line. Nenad Samardzija, an 8-year-old from Banja Luka, said he, too, misses his father and brothers, who are on the front line. "I'm afraid for them, and I pray to God every night to hide them from the bullets."

In his own way, 17-year-old Nenad Hrnjica, in Sarajevo also wants to hide from the bullets. At first he blustered that the Muslim-led government shoold not have accepted the ceasefire, a common opinion among adults.

But there was a lapse in the bravado, and suddenly he was just a scared teenager. He admitted he would rather leave Sarajevo than fight. "I'd rather run than join the army," he said.

A few yards away, Senad, Kosta and friends were heading to the market on wbat would have been until recently an unheardof excursion: A check of toy prices. High on their wish list were new "batman forev-

At about \$5 each, they were too expensive. Senad fingered his most prized possession, an old "masters of the universe"

Two of the boys, Mahir Poturkovic and Haris Busic, both 10, had other things on their mind. The beach.

"Yes, the beach, I remember that," piped in Bogojevic. "I want to go to the seaside

# Virtual reality of TV justice The media, the U.S. legal system take equal blame for the spectacle

of the O. J. Simpson trial

By Bryan Appleyard

THE OJ Simpson trial was seems no logical perhaps the most sensation- reason to exclude ally globalised legal process in history. Television carried the wbole of the ninemonth-long procedure around the world, making Judge Lance Ito, defender Johnnie Cochran, prosecutor Marcia Clark and Simpson himself as familiar as any Baywatch babe or soap stud. Wherever you travelled those faces could be seen on TV or in newspapers, always frozen in the

narrow confines of that courtroom and always betraying the fallen, corrupt consciousness that this show was turning them into Simpson himself was, of course, a star already - an American football hero and movie actor. And that was the point. Here was a man

whose place in the American consciousness was so well defined that his trial had to be a show trial. Here was a hero who might be a killer. The American public had a right to know the truth, for, to them, fame is a matter of legitimate public interest. Fame is valid, fame is important, fame enhances the right to

So the trial became, literally, a show trial. Simpson had £3.6m to spend on bis defence and the state of California had £35m to spend on his prosecution for that kind of money you could make a hig movie. And so, of course, they did. Johnnie Cochran's closing speech could have been modelled on Spencer Tracy's performance in Inherit the Wind or Paul Newman's in The Verdict.

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At every poiot in the trial you could feel the pressure of old movies or TV shows, pushing the performers to pay it for the cameras, to play it the way the jury and the television audience expected it to be.

And this, surely, is the first big lesson of the trial: Courtrooms should never, nnder any circumstances, be televised. The arguments for televised trials seem strong. If

have public leries, then there cameras. On the face of it they already have the effect of increasing the number of seats in the gallery. They are a neutral technology that simply assists the dissemination of the edifying and salutary spectacle of justice at work.

But the Simpson trial demonstrates conclusively that cameras are not neutral. By extending the audience from tens to millions, the camera introduces a new reality that is not merely quantitative. That reality is mass entertainment. The audience is not locked in a courtroom with nothing to watch but the

trial. It is at bome with a remote control, watching the trial as a show, as one viewing opportunity among many. It even, thanks to the too-familiar courtroom geometry, looks like other shows - Perry Mason, The Defenders, whatever. The TV manners of the U.S. courtroom are as generically ritualised as those of the sit-com. And once televised trials are like this, then all trials have to be, because that is what juries expect.

Television transposes the court from a physical to a virtual realm. Its reality and significance are relativised. It must compete, it must pay the mass game. This game requires shorthand, instant recognisability. So it forces conventions on the partici-

In Los Angeles a mediacomprehensible reality was imposed upon the world to make it palatable to an audience educated not to believe the evidence of their own minds — that truth is difficult, reality ambiguous and people, even famous people, are unfathomable. Once you abandon this awareness for the cheap imperatives of a TV show, then justice, an absolute at least in theory, becomes self-evidently

impossible.

You could see the corrupting need for these mendacious conventions Cochran's approach to the defence. He wanted to convince the jury that this trial belonged to a particular cinematic genre, the genre of liberal defeoce attorney fighting a corrupt, racist system riddled with evil plots. Get the jury to recognise the movie type and they would have oo choice - io this genre the defendant, guilty or not, is always

So everybody in the court-

room was trapped in a bizarre, cultural loop. Movies and television shows are made about trials. Directors touch them up in all the right places enlarge characters, heighteo drama. People watch the movies. That, they decide, is what justice must be like. Then they go on juries. Lawyers cannot afford to disappoint them so they start acting like Tracy or Newman. Live television comes along with all its attendant claims to "realism." The lawyers ham it up even more. Even the notguilty verdict was delivered with a suitably filmic, agonising pause. Amazingly we discover that "real" justice lawvers spot the chance of

is just like the movies because, hy now, it is.

The horror of all this is that somewhere at the start of this particular movie there were real hodies with real blood and, even though he's famous, Simpson was always a real man facing the possibility of a real sentence. Yet who, deluged with this TV overkill, could really keep that in mind? Television hanished real human suffering hy lulling us into thinking this really was a movie. But it was not just the

fault of television. It was the whole American legal system that allowed this to happen, allowed money and fame to corrupt its proceedings. There are about 25,000 murders in the United States every year. Say they all came to trial and got the full OJ treatment — TV, superexpensive lawyers, months of evidence and so on. That means each one would cost around £40m — and within months the U.S. economy would have ground to a bait.

But it doesn't happen, it can't happen, because the big lawyers don't care about those little crimes. It is only when the defendant is rich and/or famous that the

major fees, TV appearances, books and so on. It's bad enough to know that the Simpsoo trial was an event created by the movies and the media, even worse to know that it was all done in collusion with lawyers. Once again the flagrant racket that is the American legal system is exposed. So much for Jefferson, so much for Lincoln, so much for the Enlightenment.

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Amid, all this, the best, the most poignant joke of all was the jury - kept off the TV screens to protect their anonymity and "sequestered" in botel rooms to preveot contamination by the media coverage. There they were, the quarantined distillation of the Republic's common sense, woodering what it all meant and who, if anybody, they were supposed to be.

lt couldn't work, of course. Only jurors who had never seen a television screen could be sufficiently pure to judge Simpson. Only a few saints, mystics and lunatics would have qualified. They, in a world of TV justice and U.S. lawyers, would be the only ones who knew anything for

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# Bosnia's kids take the risk of thinking peace

By Patrick Quinn The Associated Press

toys and long-forgotten days at the beach.

Amid signs that Bosnia's adults may be ready to stop killing each other, its kids—

near Sarajevo's main bospital.

ments, was evident on his small face and the faces of his playmates, all clad in handme-down sweaters and patched, baggy

ment-held Sarajevo alone, I,601 children have been killed, 14,944 wounded and another 40,018 displaced since the Serb siege began in April 1992. Thousands more have died elsewhere throughout Bosnia.

hair and an easy smile.

Serb, 7-year-old Tanja Krsmanovic, was also playing with ber She once lived in Sarajevo, but she does-

said her hometown is "full of Turks." of Ottoman Turkish rule which ended in

King, Queen return home

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armed Islamic fundamental-

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Princess Sarvath, Princess

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in the Sidi Bel-Ahbes region

and Tlemcen in the far west.

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(Continued from page 12) ceremony in Stockholm with the other laureates this year. Ms.. Nuesslein-Volhard, director of developmental biology a the institute, was the first German woman to win a Nobel Science Prize.

announced this year amid an uproar over lobbying for a Nobel prize. A leading Swedish newsppaer reported last month that the 1986 prize had been "hought" by an Italian drug firm.

out influence on Nobel judges, who claim to be independent arbiters of scientific merit. And it may bring more scrutiny of the laureates this

# World Bank seeks privatisation if conditions right Rich nations try to

WASHINGTON (R) — The World Bank Sunday urged developing countries to transfer state-owned companies to private hands, but said privatisation could only work if the conditions were right.

Bank officials, introducing a policy report called "Bureaucrats in Business," said big state-owned companies around the world were tbrowing up barriers to

"Large state enterprise

mic growth," chief economist Michael Bruno told a news briefing. "They worsen government fiscal deficits, crowd out private investment and consume scarce funds that could be better spent on health and education. All of these burt the economy and

make it barder for people to

escape poverty." But the report made clear that providing loans or technical assistance for privatisanon was pointless unless countries presented credible policies and unless their leaders had the political will to sell off state firms.

"Few countries have the tbree conditions necessary for success: First that their leaders perceive reform as postically desirable, second tbat reform is politically feasible and third that reform is credible," it said.

The report, a glossy 346page document, is the fourth in a series of research papers looking at key policy issues facing the World Bank's 178 pects, said Mary Shirley. leader of the research team.

member countries. It looks et the state sector

in e selection of developed and developing countries, but concludes that words in selling off the state sector have been louder than deeds. Much has been said about privatisation, but in most

countries little has been The so-called decade of divestiture bas produced more hot air than bot pros-

"State enterprise reform has moved slowly because it is politically costly — priva-tising state enterprises or otherwise improving their efficiency often means cutting jobs end eliminating long-established subsidies. she added.

The report said that the countries in the study privatised on average three stateowned firms a year, although each bad bundreds of firms which could be suitable for

ignored the countries of the former Soviet Union, includmg Russia - where the privatisation campaign bas been dubbed the biggest sell-off of state property in history.

"I would besitate to speculate on there countries," said Ms. Shirley. "We want to use measures which are objective and consistent and speculating about countries which we bave not analysed goes against the grain."

## Paris ups rates to defend franc

PARIS (R) — The Bank of France took emergency action Monday to bead off a further slide of the franc after fresh selling prompted by mounting fears about the country's chances of qual-ifying for European monet-The name of the game is stable, sustainable economic growth. "Hungarian Finance ary union. Minister Lajos Bokros told

After rightening lending Friday to brake the franc's dive, the independent central bank stepped in a second time, boosting a key lending rate by more than a percentage point.

The swift move won a respite for the franc, which recovered most of its early losses against the German mark, but currency analysts did not rule out a further speculative attack.

By early afternoon, the franc stood at 3.51 per mark. up from a five-month low of 3.53 hit early on Monday. The franc's parity against the mark is seen as the cornerstone of a future single European currency.

In an effort to calm the markets. Bundesbank President Hans Tiftmeyer and German Finance Minister Theo Waigel piled in to support French Finance Minister Jean Arthuis in insisting the franc was one of Europe's strongest currencies.

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# head off currency, other crises

WASHINGTON (R) - Economic policymakers from rich nations Sunday sought to defuse a looming currency crisis in Europe while hacking longer-term measures to fight world financial emergencies in the future.

Speaking to reporters on the fringes of a meeting of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) policymaking Interim Committee, officials from France, Italy and the European Commission all played down recent turmoil in the European currency markets.

Bank of Italy Governor Antonio Fazio said he saw room for a further rise in the value of the Italian lira on world currency markets while Bank of France Governor Jean-Claude Trichet reaffirmed his backing for a stable French franc.

The barrage of comments from usually tacitum policymakers followed renewed pressure in the markets on the franc and lira and overshadowed long-term moves to strengthen the underpinnings of the world financial

To help in that regard, the United States and its allies in the Group of Ten (G-10) -Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland — on Sunday endorsed a plan to beef up the IMF by setting up a series of credit lines it could draw on in an emergen-

The aim is to have money in place before another Mexico-style crisis occurs. It took a \$30 billion package from the United States and the IMF to tescue Mexico from defaulting on its foreign debts on January.

The G-10 is alteady committed to providing the IMF with \$25 billion in emergency tesoutces through the so-

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It said Sunday it wanted to double that amount by setring up a parallel financing arrangement that it and other nations would finance.

Among the potential candidates arc: Australia, Austria, Colombia, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Indonesia, Ireland, South Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Thailand and the United Arab Emi-

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Moves to buttress the ability of the IMF to combat future crises comes as the global economic outlook is improving.

Since our last meeting in April there has been an improvement in the underlying condinons and outlook for sustained non-inflationary growth." U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

Part of the optimism is due to the dollar's steep rise in recent months. Since hitting a record low in April against the Japanese yen, the U.S. currency has risen nearly 20 per cent, although in recent days its rally has stalled.

The dollar's advance has helped take some of the heat off Japan's stricken economy. boosting profits of the country's exporting companies and enhancing overall confi-

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FORECAST FOR TUES-DAY, OCTOBER 10, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson. Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get every phase of yout living better coordinated today so that ell flows more smoothly and efficiently in such a direction to bring you better rewards.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May -; 20) Be more willing to listen to what a dynamic partner has to say today and make the association more ideal in . an effort to be more success-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June ... 21) There may be a delay connected with your careet activities, but be patient, and later today you can get much accomplished just the same. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) An associate

expects too much of you at this time, but do only that which is feasible and all will be well towards you attaining your expectations.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) If you bave a more positive ... attitude towards the tasks at hand, you will find you get better results with them and attaining your desires.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Plan the amusement you most prefer so that you can enjoy it more in the days ahead. Be sure you keep promises made to close friends and loved

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LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You may feel dissatisfied with home conditions today, but think in a positive way and all is improved easily towards your having a good relationship with loved ones.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) The planets may not be conductive to getting good results for you or others today. Just be patient, and tonight be with good friends for a pleasant

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) This is a good day to make a plan which can easily be followed so that you gain your aims and desires. You may not be feeling up to par, but hang in

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Make the arrangements early loday to gain personal wishes and carry through with them in a fashion which will bring you tremendous success and re-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You want to be with good friends today, but they may be too busy with their own affairs, so be patient and every direction will be fruitful.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You have to study those outside projects better before you can make them successful. Show patience and wisdom and all works well.

Birthstone of October: Opal - Tourmaline

# Study: Public deficits to blame for long-term interest rate hikes

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Real long-term interest rates grew by just one per cent over the past 35 years among the 10 most industrialised countries, even as gross savings dropped by 5.0 per cent, a study issued by these coun-

The increase in long-term interest rates is a cause of concern for future economic growth and job creation. according to the study which suggested bowever that such risks should not be exagger-

ated. The regular increase in long-term interest rates appears mainly due to the fact that savings bave been dwindling, according to the study issued by the Group of Ten (G-10) group of industrialised countries on the sidelines of the annual conference bere of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

The drop in public savings is mainly responsible for the overall decrease in savings within the G-10 which groups ginm, Britain. Canada,

WASHINGTON (R) — Bos-nia will need \$3 billion from

the international community

to rebuild its economy and

create a decent standard of

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by years of war, a semor World Bank official said Sun-

Wilfried Thalwitz, a vice

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We have come to the con-

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and that may not be all." Mr.

Thalwitz told a news briefing.

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France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the

The drop was due to lower private savings, but also a result of growing fiscal de-

Growing demand for investment, notably by developing countries and others which are being converted to a market economy, does not appear to have greatly contributed to a rise in long-term interest rates, according to

Capital inflows, notably to the so-called transition economies of eastern Europe, have grown rapidly since 1990, with a peak in 1993. But in terms of gross domestic product, the increase represents a return to the early

1970's ratio. Over the past 25 years, the strong investment growth in developing countries was mostly self-financed, according to the report.

"Furthermore, even with the surge of the past few years, net capital flows to

He said the figures came

from a World Bank survey

prepared before the latest

ceasefire, due to take effect

Tuesday. The deal, brokered by U.S. envoy Richard Hol-

brooke, increases the chance

of a lasting peace but does

not guarantee it.
"The fact that peace is not

assured does not render any

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said. "This was the best effort we

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The World Bank figure on the cost of rebuilding the.

former Yugoslav republic is

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countries amount to less than 5.0 per cent of private savings in the G-10 countries, compared to the 16 per cent absorbed by the G-10 public deficits," the study said.

Because of the globalisation of the economy, countries no longer depend so much on home-produced savings to finance investments. Globalisation has also brought about other significant and changes.

The effects of real interest rates of changes in fiscal deficits are now spread across all countries integrated into the global financial system. This means that countries collectively have an interest in the soundness of fiscal

And it also implies that countries pursuing unsustainable economic policies will pay sizeable risk prethe report said.

The study also said that a reduction in public deficits would increase national savings and that fiscal consolidation would reduce long-term

government needed \$12 bil-

lion for post-war reconstruc-

Croatia also criticised the fi-

gure as being far too low.

"It's peanuts compared to what Bosnia really needs.

Cities have been destroyed,

villages burnt down, and you

need railways, tunnels, pipe-

lines, water supplies...," said Croatian Deputy Prime Minister Borislav Skegro.

British Chancellor of the

Exchequer Kenneth Clarke said Saturday that donor

states had to ensure that

financing needs were correct-

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erly distributed.
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Officials of neighbouring

## Senior banker sees E. Europe now in 2nd stage of reform climb back where it was be-

WASHINGTON (R) - The states of eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have moved towards a new stage of economic reform and international loans will lose significance as economies start to grow, a senior World Bank

official said. World Bank Vice-President Wilfried Thalwitz told a news briefing Sunday that countries would soon start to concentrate on structural reform, strengthening fragile financial sec-

tors and improving tax laws. "I do have the feeling that the first phase of this historic. wrenching transition is com-ing to a close." Mr. Thalwitz said. "The compression of output is coming to an end. Growth is widespread.

Many countries of central and eastern Europe expect rapid growth this year and the economies of some former Soviet republics have. also started to turn round. But output remains below levels seen before reforms

began and it will take time to

dominate everything and no-

body has worked out bow they are going to be applied,"

Mr. Clarke said at the end of

a Group of Seven (G-7) fi-

The G-7 — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States

Monetary Fund (IMF) and

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the briefing. He admitted re-forms had cut wages. but "If we can manage a polincally very difficult course what we have is probably the

fore the Soviet Union and its

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most severe austerity programme implemented in Europe - I think we can recreate the basis for exportled and sustainable growth." Mr. Thalwitz said the main

message from the reform process was that "stability pays off," Stability is an inexorable part of the path back to growth and recovery." he

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, have lent most of the countries of the former Soviet Bloc funds to speed their transition to a market

Bosnia needs \$5b for reconstruction, Bank says nia's financing needs as quickly as possible.

This would enable the international community to "tespond quickly, flexibly, and on suitable terms as soon as conditions warrant," the G-7 said in a communique. France proposed offering Bosnia befty debt write-off as

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# THE Daily Crossword by Frank R. Jackson

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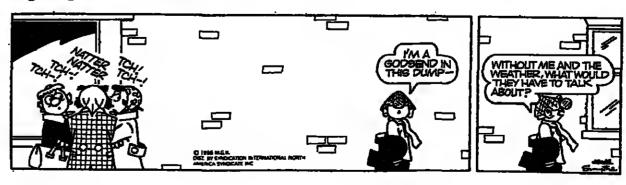
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dent and two other top executives of Japan's Daiwa widening scandal over concealed losses on bond deals at the bank's U.S. operations.

The resignations followed huge losses on unauthorised bond trades at Daiwa's New York branch. But in new revelations, Daiwa also said tht another part of its U.S. operations, a trust banking subsidiary, had covered up losses on U.S. bond trading.

Daiwa officials also told a news conference that several bank officials had been involved in the original scam at the New York branch, which had at first been blamed entirely on one former senior bond trader.

Analysts said the newly revealed losses at the trust unit,

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TOKYO (R) - The presi- which a finance ministry official said were concealed from both U.S. and Japanese au-Bank resigned Monday in a thorities until last week, will greatly upset U.S. regulators.

The resignations of Daiwa Bank President Akira Fujita and two other top executives might be not enough to atone for the scandals, they also

"I don't bave any words about the second case... Daiwa may be forced to give up its business in the United States," said Yusbiro Ikuyo. first vice-president of Smith Barney International Inc.

"Daiwa's nightmare will last for a long time... Daiwa. is likely to be at the centre of the restructuring in Japanese

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# Business upswing boosts UAE bank credits ABU DHABI (AFP) — An upsurge in trade and other sectors boosted credits by the

United Arab Emirates (UAE) commercial banks by nearly eight per cent in the second quarter of 1995, official figures showed Monday.

Domestic credits by the Gulf country's 47 banks total-led around 71.7 billion dirhams (\$19.5 billion) at the end of June compared with 66.5 billion dirhams (\$18.1 billion) at the end of March, according to studies presented to an investment seminar in Abu Dhabi.

The figure is also higher by around 10 per cent over the

credits at the end of 1994 as there was a strong demand for funds due to an upswing in the commercial and construction sectors in the UAE,

the studies said. Experts said the upswing was partly caused by the \$2 rise in oil prices in the first balf of 1995 compared with the first half of 1994. This meant more than \$1.5 billion in extra income for the state

Another factor is the high return from investment in trade and construction and the absence of other major investment opportunities in the local market.

In 1994, the trade and

building sectors alone re-ceived nearly 32 billion dirhams (\$8.7 billion) in credits from local banks.

Most of the increase in the second quarter was in credits extended to the private sector, which received an additional 3.16 billion dirhams (\$861 million). This raised its total credits to 68.4 billion dirhams (\$18.6 billion), according to the studies, which cited central bank fi-

The papers gave no figures for the following months but bankers said demand was still strong despite a slight decline in crude prices.

"A key factor for the high demand for credits is that the

government expenditure has remained almost unchanged and such profitable sectors as construction and trade are steadily growing," one bank-

"This means more business for banks, especially in lending activity. According to un-andited balance sheets, most banks are expected to make higher profits in 1995 although earnings hit a re-cord in 1994," he added.

The figures showed the total assets of the UAE's 19 national banks and 28 foreign units grew by around 2.4 per cent to 175.8 billion dirhams (\$47.9 billion) at the end of June from around 171.6 bil-lion dirhams (\$46.7 billion) at

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Foreign assets, however,

fell slightly to 57 billion dirhams (\$15.53 billion) from 57.9 billion dirhams (\$15.77

Deposits increased by around 2.5 per cent to 71.5 billion dirhams (\$19.4 billion) and sharebolders equities, comprising capital and re-serves, rose by 3.2 per cent in 20.38 billion dirhams (\$5.55

This showed the capital adequacy, the ratio between sbarebolder equities and assets, averaged around 12 per cent, far higher than the eight per cent adequacy floor set by the Basle Committee for banks worldwide.

#### New banking giant looms banks as they will be forced to begin an industry-wide resbuffle due to the huge bad as Lloyds reveals merger loans they have," be said. talks with TSB

LONDON (AFP) - The prospect of a new British banking giant emerged Monday when Lloyds Bank, the fourth-biggest retail bank in Britain, and TSB Group announced they were in mer-

The merger would create Britain's largest retail bank," with assets of about £140 billion (\$222 billion). The new entity would be bigger than Barclays, National Westminster and Midlands, a spokesman for Lloyds said.

Lloyds would take a controlling stake of 70 per cent, and TSB would hold 30 per cent, the two banks said in a joint statement, adding that the deal would be "in the best interests of customers, staff and sbareholders.

Lloyds' chairman, Sir Brian Pitman, would be chiefexecutive of the combined group, with TSB's Peter Ellwood as his deputy.

The acquisition of TSB, formerly called Trustee Savings Bank, would mark a turnaround for Lloyds, which failed with takover bids for Midland Bank, bought up by the HSBC banking group three years ago, and Stan-dard Chartered.

The announcement of the talks surprised financiers who were aware of Lloyds' intention to expand through new acquisitions, but had not seen TSB as a likely target.

The Sunday Times had reported that the bank in tended to spend \$3 billion on a new acquisition, without mentioning TSB. Analysts, however, wel-

comed the news, saying that the merger would create huge cost savings for Lloyds, in an increasingly competitive banking market.

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At NatWest Securities. Steven Kirk said Lloyds would be getting TSB at a "reasonable price," consider-ing the scope for cost savings, particularly in the merger of the banks' branch networks.

But the main banking union Bifu immediately condemned the announcement as "appalling." General Secret-ary of Bifu, Teif Mills, warned of "savage" cutbacks in the branch network. adding that there was "absolutely no need" for a merger between the two profitable organisations.

Lloyds has 43,500 staff in Britain with 1,800 branches, and TSB employs 25,000 staff in the U.K. with about 1,200 branches.

British banks bave already shed around 90,000 employees over the last 10 years, and Sir Brian Pitman recently warned that 75,000 jobs, a fifth of the current workforce, are at risk.

These changes have come at a time of massive restructuring within the British financial service sector with the arrival of new information technology and intensifying competition. This has multiplied in the last few years after home loans groups converted into banks, a trend launched by Abbey Lloyds went in the oppo-

site direction this summer, acquiring the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society (C and G) for £1.8 billion. In the first half of this year,

Lloyds made profits of £735 million, and TSB profits of £271 million. If the deal went ahead, it

would value TSB at 329 pence per sbare, including a special dividend of 68 pence.

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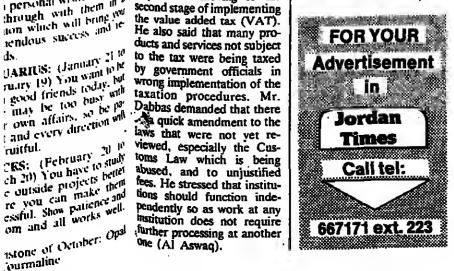
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AMMAN—Percy Barnevik, president and chief executive officer (CES) of ABB, the international electrical engineering company, has been announced winner of the "1995 emerging markets CEO of the year award" by the award organisers ING Rapk and International Medical award organisers ING Bank and International Media Partners at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Barnevik received the award presented to "the chief

executive of a company beadquartered in the developed world whose expansion into emerging markets bas best shown how these markets can contribute significantly to corporate revenues and profitability, and has benefitted the

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# Chorkina stars on bars, Podkopayea wins second gold

SABAE, Japan (AP) — Rus-sia's Svetlana Chorkina outdid two already spectacular performances with a dazzling, twisting show Monday and won the gold medal on the uneven bars at the World

Gymnastics Championships. Ukraine's Lilia Podkopayeva, the women's individual all-around gold medallist here, gained another gold in the vault but shared it with Romania's Simona Amanar.

Podkopayeva also was one of Chorkina's victims. She and China's Mo Huilan had tied with 9.837 marks before Chorkina piroueited her way atop the bars to a 9,900.

It was another blow for Mo, the high scorer of the team competition, who missed the women's all-around gold with a fall after a flawless balance beam routine

China, first here in the

in the women's settled for silvers Monday by Mo. allaround men's champion Li Xiaoshuang in the floor exercises and Huang Huadong. who shared his with Japan's Yoshiaki Hatakeda on the pommel horse.

But Li Donghua, who moved to Switzerland in 1989 after being thrown off the Chinese team for marrying a Swiss woman, won gold for his adopted nation on the pommel horse.

Vitaly Scherbo of Belerus. the 1993 world champion and winner of six gold medals at the 1992 Olympics, won in the floor exercises. Italian strongman Yuri

Chechi won his third consecutive rings title. Five more speciality gold medals were to be decided Tuesday, final day of the championships.

Chorkina's gold was the first here for the Russians.

They were shut entirely out of the team medals, breaking a streak by the Soviet Union and its Russian successors that went back to 1954, when the Soviets won both the men's and women's team

American Shannon Miller. the 1993 and 1994 women's all-around champion and 1994 gold medallist on the balance beam, has been plagued by a foot injury. After ignoring the injury to help the Americans win the women's team bronze medal. she finished 12th in the allaround Sunday and seventh on the uneven bars Monday. She and Kerri strug both pulled out of the vault with injuries, and Jaycie Phelps was eighth and last on the

In the vault, Amanar gave Romania another gold to go pionship. She tried a slightly more complex vault than Podkopayeva, but Podkopaveva was more solid and the marks came out even at 9.781. Romani's Gina Gogean, the 1994 champion. was third with 9.706.

In the men's floor exercises. Scherbo bounced from somersault to somersault as if he were made of rubber.

scoring 9.812 to Il's 9.775. Grigory Misutin of Ukraine was third with 9.762.

Scherbo, the all-around silver medallist here, thus gained his 13th wrold championships gold medal

In a trio of near flawless routines on the horse. Switzerland's Li scored 9.762, while Huang and Hatakeda each had 9.737. tion its second silver, after a second place in the men's

team event. Italy's Chechi barely let the rings ripple through his series of handstands and strength holds, scoring 9.850. Romani's Dan Biurinca was second with 9.762 and Bulgaria's Jordan Jovtchev third with 9.750.



Lilia Podkopayeva of Ukraine flips over the balance beam on her way to win gold in the ters photo) women's all-around individual competition at

the World Gymnastics Championships (Reu-



Svetlana Chorkina of Russia competes on her way to win the uneven bars at the World Gymnastics Championships

# Top thoroughbreds vie for world's richest race

DUBAI (R) — Ascot bas royalty and Longchamps is chie but for the really big money the top thoroughbreds are vying for a place in the world's richest horse race in the Arabian desert.

World Champion Yuri Chechi of Italy per-

forms on the rings on his way to win bis third

successive gold in the apparatus finals at the

Prize money guaranteed at \$4 million puts the inaugural race of the Dubai World Cup next Marcb 27 in a class of its

Some 60 per cent of the purse — \$2.4 million — goes to the winner who will become the champion of international champions.

First entries for the 10furlong (two-kilometre) race, which is designed exclusive for the best four-year olds from every continent, are due to be nominated Tuesday.

It will be run at Nad Al Sheba, a modern equestrian complex lavished with the best that money can buy within sight of the bustling city of Dubai.

Only one element is missing — betting. the devout Muslims of the Gulf Emirates - betting. The devout do not permit gambling. So there are no odds. But racegoers are given a ticket permitting them to forecast win-ners. High-value prizes often luxury consumer goods. sometimes borses - or casb

are awarded. Only 14 starters will be allowed to run on Nad Al Sheba's floodlit track. They

will be the champions of the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the Breeders' Cup and the Arlington Million in the United States, the Mel-bourne Cup in Australia, Tokyo's Japan Cup, the Hong Kong international races and other famous races.

Three will be runners from Europe, three from the Americas, two from Australia and New Zealand, two from Asia and four from hosts United Arab Emirates. One month before the

race, all 14 are expected to fly to Dubai to get accustomed to the 25-28 degree Celsius climate and be pampered in an air-conditioned stabling block that has yet to rise from the desert sands.

For everyone, it will be a return to the land of their

All modern thoroughbreds trace their lineage to three Arabian stallions acquired by Europeans in the 17th century which, crossed with European breeds, founded a dynasty whose descendants now run in every major rac-

The Dubai World Cup will thus mark the return to the Middle East of descendants of a legacy, says Sheikh Mak-toum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, ruler of Dubai and vice-president of the United Arab Emirates

of his younger brother Sbeikb Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, crown prince of Dubai, UAE defence minister and the world's most successful owner with strings of successes to his name in season after season.

World Gymnastics Championships (Reuters

The Maktoum's main goal apart from the pleasure of seeing a few of their hundreds of horses in action on their home turf - is to enhance Dubai's status as the sporting capital of the Middle

> Golf's PGA Desert Classic, a power boat Grand Prix in the warm waters of the Gulf, ATP tennis and the Dubai Snooker Classic are already fixtures on the world sporting calendar.

It is a racing certainty that an early favourite next March will run in the royal blue colours of Godolphin, the Dubai yard whose phenomenal success this year has crowned Sheikh Mohammad with domination of major races around the world.

Godolphin's allconquering three-year-old chestnut colt Lammtarra has become one of racing's alltime greats following victor-ies in the Epsom Derby, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot and the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe.

# Graf's contract with Opel in jeopardy

FRANKFURT. Germany (AP) — Tennis star Steffi Graf, caught in a tangled web of tax evasion allegations. also faces loss of her million dollar contract with Opel, the German car-making subsidiary of General Motors, said

Opel supervisory board member, Hans Wilhelm Gaeb, who is also head of General Motors Europe, said Steffi Graf's sponsorship contract would expire soon. It was worth an estimated 1.5 million marks (\$1 million) annually.

"The four-year contract runs out at the end of the year, and the conditions to extend it don't exist at the moment," Mr. Gaeb told the German sports news agency

Mr. Gaeb also said that his comments in an interview with the Munich-based Focus magazine, concerning Steffi Graf's ties with the U.S.based marketing firm Advantage International, and its manager Philip de Picciotto's, remain Opel's policy. In the interview. Mr. Gaeb, challenged Mr. Picciotto to prove that he wasn't tied in with manipulation of sponsor funds and illegal money transfers to avoid

taxes. Mr. Gaeb also said that comments in a radio interview Sunday by Opel chairman of the board, David

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Herman, who said he saw no reason to break with Steffi Graf, were made before Mr. Herman, who had just returned from a business trip. was brought up to date on the

latest developments. Steffi Graf, who underwent a day of questioning by the Mannheim proseuctor's office on Thursday, could face possible arrest soon. Der Spiegel Magazine of Hamburg said in its editions that go on sale Monday.

The magazine said Man-

nheim district court judge Helmut Bauer commented after studying Steffi Graf's response to the questioning "I foresee application for another arrest warrant."

Peter Graf, her father and manager, and tax advisor Joachim Eckardt, are already jailed in investigative custody in the case.

Peter Graf allegedly failed to report some 50 million marks (\$35.2 million) of his daughter's earnings over a period of several years, and used advantage international and another company also linked to Mr. Picciotto, the Netherlands-based Sunpark, to funnel the money out of

Germany. Mr. Gaeb told Focus he suspects Mr. Picciotto was involved in questionable transfers of millions of marks in sponsor payments. He also hinted it was done without Steffi Graf's knowledge.

# Allen wins sixth Ironman triathlon

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — American Mark Allen passed Germany's Thomas Hellriegel around the 37-kilometre mark of the marathon and held on to win his sixth Hawaii Ironman ti-

Allen was more than 13 minutes behind the leader when he started the marathon run in Saturday's Ironman Triathlon World Championship, and had doubts he could catch up. "I thought I could make up

six or seven minutes, but 13 seemed like a lot." he said. Allen's time for the 225kilometre race was 8 hours 20 minutes and 34 seconds. well off his record pace of

8:07:45 in 1992. Allen sat out last year after winning the previous five

Hellriegel had set a fast pace throughout the 179kilometre bicycle ride despite the strone headwinds, with Jureen Zack, also of Germany, not far behind. After pulling ahead of defending champion Greg Welch of Australia during the run. Allen was alongside another German. Rainer Mueller.

Hellriegel finished second

in 8:22:59, and Mueller was third in 8:25:23, but Zack fell

With less than a mile to go. seven-time winner Paula Newby-Fraser of the United States appeared headed for her eighth women's victory. But she suddenly stopped running, paused briefly and then began walking before she collapsed about 273 metres from the finish line.

Another American, Karen Smyers, passed Newby-Fraser as she sat on a curb and won the women's title 9:16:46. After several minutes. Newby-Fraser was able to get up and walk to the

Isabella Mouthon-Michellys of France, was second in 9:25:13. Fernanda Keller of Brazil was third in 9:37:48, and Newby-Fraser was fourth in 9:37:54. Wendy Ingraham of the United States was fifth in 9:42:36.

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#### BE SAFE, NOT SORRY ehould declarer tackle the trump

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Here, however, declarer has only one loser outside the trump suit and cen afford to surrender two trump tricks. Therefore, declarer's efforts should be concentrated on guerding against a possible 4-0 trump break, in which case there is a denger of losing three trump tricks. Correct technique is to win the opening lead in hand and fire a low speed toward dummy. If West shows out, insert the ten, forcing an honor from East. Leter you con cross to dummy and take the marked finesse of the jack of spades—mission accomplished.

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The safety play also works if the cards are distributed as in the diogram. West must win the first trump trick with an honor. When you regain the lead, you simply lead the ten of trumps and surrender a trick to the remaining honor. The ece and jack will than pick up the remaining trumps and again the contract is safe. contract is safe.

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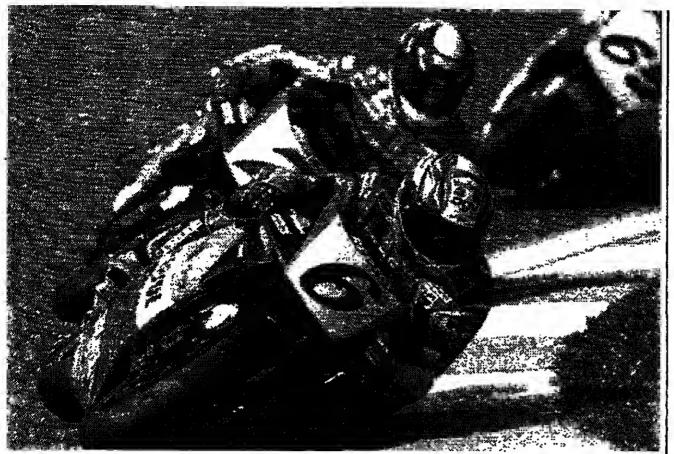
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Catalonian 500cc rider Alex Criville is followed closely by Japanese Shinichi Itoh during the Catalonian Motorcycling Grand

# Criville wins European motorcycle prix

BARCELONA (R) -Spaio's Alex Criville won the European Grand Prix 500cc motorcycling race on Sunday but once against Australian world champion Michael Doohan had no luck in Spain.

ATLANTA (R) — U.S. Olympic officials on Sunday

put off any action on a tough national anti-doping plan, throwing the plan into doubt

for next year's Olympic

Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC)

did not vote on a resolution

that would bave required

each Olympic sport to launch

a tough out-of-competition

testing programme for train-

ing athletes from the beginning

Currently only a few sports require tests without notice

Directors agreed that the programme, hammered out

by the USOC's Sports Medi-

cinc Committee, needed

more time for consideration by

individual sports and would

therefore be deffered until

the next board of directors

meeting in April, just three

konths before the Atlanta

mechanics of it to be implemented. I am sure it will

be adopted at the next meet-

ing," siad David Joyner, chairman of the Sports Medi-

Olympic officials were

doubtful the programme,

which would put the United

States at the forefront of the international battle against

drugs in sport, would be ready for action during the intensive period of training and team selection ahead of

the Olympics in Atlanta next July 19 to Aug. 4. The proposed \$2.25 million

programme mandates the

U.S. governing bodies of each sport to administer out-of-comperition testing as well

as their current routine of

random in-competition dope

"To be genuinely effective. anti-doping measures must be carried on throughout the training period. Out-of-

competition drug testing should be administered with-

out warning to the athlete. A no-advance notice, out-ofcompetition drug testing

cine Committee.

There is no specific problem with the programme, we just need more time for the

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title in Argentina last month. had to settle for fourth place in the last Grand Prix of the season, nearly five seconds behind fellow Honda rider

Criville.

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Luca Cadalora in last year's European Grand Prix here and earlier this year crashed out of the Spanish Grand Prix in Jerez, handing victory to Spain's Alberto Puig.

Doohan had no luck in Spain. The Australian was dep-Doohan, who clinched the rived of victory by Italy's Honda through the 25 laps of Criville manoeuvred his

tacles facing the anti-doping

programme is financial -

governing bodies fear they

will have to foot the bill for

the extra testing.

melo circuit outside Barcelona in 45 minutes 16.932 seconds.

the 4.727-kilometre Mont-

Japan's Shinichi Itoh and Italy's Loris Capirossi, both also riding Hondas, were less than a second behind in second and third places.

Criville tussled for the early lead with comprariot Carlos Checa, who was looking for his first Grand Prix vic-

tory.
Checa, replacing injured fellow Spanirad Puig, led on his Honda for 13 laps but made an error on the 16th lap, crashed out and left the circuit in tears.

:Criville took charge and held off Itoh and Capirossi. who mounted a challenge four laps from the finish.

Doohan won the world title with an aggregate of 248 points from the Sfason's 13 Grands Prix.

Fellow Australian Daryl Beattie, fifth immediately behind Doohan on Sunday, was second in the final championship standings with 215

Cadalora, who dropped out on Sunday after his Yamaha developed mechanical problems, was third fourth with 166.

# Olano wins world road title despite puncture

DUITAMA, Colombia (R) - Abraham Olano of Spain won the world title in professional road racing on Sunday despite riding the last kilometre of the race with a punctured back tyre.

Olano, 25, claimed the first major title of his career and shattered the hopes of his compatriot Miguel Indurain, who desperately wanted the World Road Race title to add to his five Tour de France victories.

Indurgin finished second, 35 seconds be-bind Olano, beating Italy's Marco Pantani into third place in a sprint finish that also involved Switzerland's Mauro Gianetti, who was fourth.

Olano, who comes from the Basque Country and is considered the successor to Indurain, completed the 15 laps of the 17.7-kilometre course in seven hours nine minutes 55 seconds.

He made the decisive move on the descent during the penultimate lap, speeding ahead of the leading pack as they were watching the moves of Indurain who appeared to be momen-

tarily distracted by the tactical battle. Olano, who had finished second to Indurain in Wednesday's time trial, opened up a 35-second gap which he held during the punishing final climb and appeared to have wrapped up victory until the puncture.

"A lot of things went through my head but I knew I had to put my head and go as fast as I could," he said, adding that the decision to attack had been spontaneous.

Indurain himself had suffered a puncture on a steep climb during the 14th lap. He was forced to change hike, hriefly lost touch with the pack

but quickly caught them up again.

The circuit around the provincial town of Duitama, which lies at 2,800 metres above sea level, consisted of a long climb out of the town followed hy a steep and twisting descent back into it.

The first half of the race was held in hot sunshine but heavy rain then made the circuit even more perilous.

France's Laurent Roux led for six laps early on, opening up a three-minute advantage at one stage, but dropped out in the ninth lap before the real racing had started.

After that, several attacks were made hut none was successful.

Earlier on the 14th lap, Gianetti and Jose Maria Jimenez of Spain had hroken away from the field on the climb but were quickly caught hy the pack.

Only around 20 riders

finished the race on a course considered one of the toughest ever used for the world championships.

Ricbard Virenque of France, whose king of the mountains title in this year's Tour de France made him a hot favourite for the title on a hilly course, lost contact with the pack on the final ascent. He even-tually finished sixth.

Two-times world champion Gianni Bugno of Italy retired in the fourth lap.

The host nation, who had high hopes of an historic win, ended up empty handed.

Óliverio Rincon, hrought up on a farm which lies on the circuit, was in contention but lost touch with the leading pack on the penultimate climb as did his compatriot Israel Ochoa.

Rincon eventually finished eighth while Ochoa was 11th.



Spanish World Champion Abraham Olano (centre) is flanked by compatriot and silver medalist Miguel Indurain medalist Marco Pantani of Ita

awards ceremony for the World Championship Road Race (Reuters photo)

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# 2 Americans and German win '95 Nobel for medicine

Prize Monday for gene stu-dies that help explain birth defects and miscarriages.

The laureates are Edward of Technology: Christiane Nuesslein-Vothard at the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology in Tubeingen. Germany: and Eric F. Wieschaus at Princeton University in the United

. Their breakthrough, culminating in the early 1980s, has helped sciennists begin to understand problems in early pregnancy, in-cluding birth defects and miscarriage, Sweden's Karolinska Institute said in its cita-

They let the genie out of the bottle. Their research have stimulated other re-search in many other fields." award committee member Bjorn Vennstrom, a professor at the Karolinska Institote, said at a news confer-

Their work has helped give scientists and doctors a bener understanding of how and why the body rejects embryos - a common occurrence for first-time mothers.

Only about six of 20 fertilisations lead to children, and abundance of miscarriages long has been an enigma.
"It is very likely that (gene-

tic) damages of this kind can explain why," Mr. Venn-

"Together," the award citation said. "these three scientists have achieved a breakthrough that will help explain congenital malformations in man.

The scientists used the lowly fruit fly, well-known to generations of biology students, for studying how some genes lead to mutations in development, the citation

Ms. Nuesslein-Volhard, 52, and Mr. Wieschaus, 48, identified and classified a set

GENEVA (R) — The United Nations, insisting much of Afghanistan remained at

peace despite a new upsurge in fighting, on Monday appealed to governments around the world for \$124 million to help the war-

The appeal was launched by Peter Hansen, U.N.

under-secretary general for humanitarian affairs, at a

Geneva meeting of represen-

tatives of countries who

have contributed to similar

appeals in the past.
"While a solution to the

country's political problems

is still awaited, most parts of

the country enjoy relative peace and stability," said a

statement from Mr. Hansen

issued as the meeting got

Evidence of normalisation,

Mr. Hansen, of Denmark,

flew to Geneva at the weekend after a three-day

visit to Afghanistan — where a fierce struggle for the capit-

al Kabul is looming between forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani and

A Taliban front-line com-

mander at Maidan Shahr, ab-

out 30 kilometres south-west

of Kabul, said at the weekend

his forces would not consider

a ceasefire proposed by the U.N. and would attack the

city when they were ready.

Mr. Hansen told reporters

in Islamabad, Pakistan, after

leaving Kabul on Saturday

that he had told squabbling

Afghan faction leaders they

must work for peace if their

country was to attract more

The new appeal comes

amid declining donor interest

in the country — where the

old Soviet Union and the West fought a 16-year proxy

war during the 1980s and

poured in military aid worth

billions of dollars to the then-

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The funds are sought to matter for the Afghan na-

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STOCKHOLM (AP) — Two determining the body plan Americans and a German and the formation of body won the Nobel Medicine segments - organs and

Mr. Lewis, 77, working separately since the 1940s. laid the ground for the work Lewis at California Institute by discovering that genes were arranged in the same order on chromosomes as the body segments they controlled — the top genes controlled the head and the middle genes the abdominal region.

The laureates reasoned that the mutated genes in fruit flies work the same way achieved over decades and in humans. They did not actually work on human embryos, but were able to apply the principles to understand ailments such as waardenburg's syndrome, a rare and facial deformity.

"It is likely that mutations in such important genes are responsible for some of the early, spontaneous abortions that occur in man, and for some of the about 40 per cent of the congenital malformations that develop due 10 unknown reasons," the cita-

Mr. Wieschaus, reached at home in the United States. said he was asleep when getting the telephone call early

"This man spoke to me in a Swedish accent. I thought he probably had the wrong num-ber. Maybe he did. but they're not going to take it back." Mr. Wieschaus said.

Noting that most of the experiments were done on fruit flies, he said. "We didn't know it at the time, but we found out everything in life is so similar, that the same genes that work in flies are the ones that work in hu-He said he and his co-

workers will share the prize. "I think we'll be able to figure out how to divide it up. I think I'll go out and buy some books.

The prize this year is worth 7.2 million kronor (\$1 million). The winner will be honoured on Dec. 10 at a

litation, including mine clear-

ance, food aid and health assistance, to 200,000 inter-

nally displaced people. The

funds will also be used to

bring home some three mil-

lion refugees still in neigh-

For the previous 12-month

period until the end of

September this year, the Un-

ited Nations had sought \$106

million but donor pledges

met only three quarters of the

Pakistan on Monday expel-

led Masood Khalili, the

Islamabad-based envoy of

President Rabbani, his family

Pakistani officials were not

immediately available for

comment on the expulsion,

the latest sign of worsening

relations between Islamabad

son Mahmoud told Reuters

that police were taking his

father to the Afghan border

by car. The rest of his family,

living in Islamabad, had been

given 48 hours to leave Pakis-

Pakistan says it has no

favourites among Afghan groups, but Kabul accuses it of hacking the Talibans.

On Sepi. 21, Pakistan ordered the Afghan charge d'affaires and 12 other diplo-

mats to leave in retaliation

for an attack on its Kabul

Pakistan's relations with

the Afghan government are now at their lowest point

since Mr. Rabbani took pow-

er a few months after the fall

of a pro-communist regime in

Foreign Minister Assef

Ahmad Ali told a news con-

ference on Sunday that Pakis-

tan fully supported United

Nations efforts to broker a

peaceful settlement among

enmity (towards the Kabul

government) despite their

provocations and insults." he

said. "What Afghans feel ab-

"We feel no rancour or

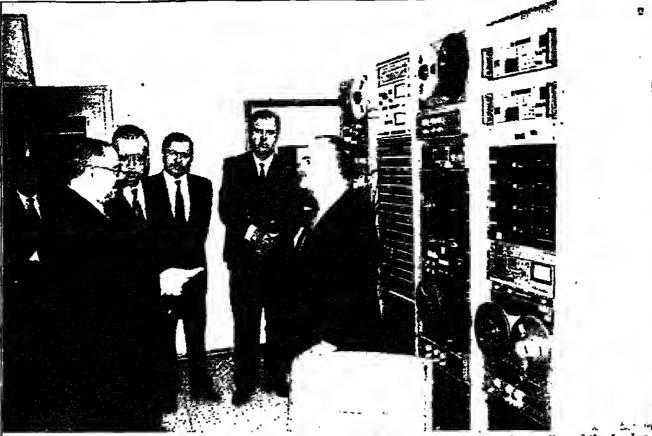
warring Afghan factions.

Kabul in April, 1992.

embassy on Sept. 6.

.Mr. Khalili's 15-year-old

bouirng countries.



INFORMATION FLOW: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, on Monday visits the studios of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation (see story on page one) photo by Boghos)

# Deputies blame government for their poor performance and call for reform

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Lower House of Parliament deputies on Monday blamed the government for the poor performance of lawmakers and called for amendments in the Constitution that give more powers to the legislative authority. In the final session of a

seminar on "Parliamentary Prospects and Realities, parliamentarians described the dissolution of Parliament in August 1993 and the introduction of the one-person, one-vote Election Law as major violations of the legislative authority's powers.

Some went as far as to criticise what they described as the executive authority's "hiding" behind His Majesty

King Hussein.
"Constitutionally, the executive authority has excessive powers, and despite the fact that I respect the Constitution, there are certain provisions in it that negatively influence the performance of Parliament," said leftist Deputy Musiafa Shneikat.

"I respect the wishes of the King, but (the executive authority) hides behind him to pass its policies," he said.

Independent Islamist Deputy Abdul Razzaq Tubeishat also accused the government of interfering in the work of the legislative authority and said that this violates the Constitution. He called for a "new and modern" election law that would produce a strong parliament. "It is in the interest of the government and the people to have a strong parliament.

Dr. Tubeisbat said. Leftist deputies Bassam Haddadin and Toujan Faisal also voiced similar hopes and levelled criticism at the government but followed different tracks in explaining their views.

Ms. Faisal attacked the government's proposal of a new election law. She said 27 deputies forwarded a bill last year and this was not discussed by the House's Legal Committee.

Mr. Haddadin called for amending the House's bylaws in order to strengthen the role of the legislature.

"I was deprived of my right to question (the executive authority) two times in a row," said Mr. Haddadin.

Islamist Deputy Suleiman Sa'ad complained of what he described as the government's disrespect of the lawmakers' questions and said that lawmakers were not able to monitor and supervise the executive authority's performance due to the delay in ministers' response to their questions.

"There were some questions raised two years ago that received no reply until Deputy Sa'ad said. Also the half-hour dedicated at the beginning of every session for questions

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**Minister** apologises for poking fun at Pope

WELLINGTON.

the jail, where about 250 prisoners, mostly Lebanesc, are held without trial, some for more than 10 years. The 1CRC is expected 10 make daily visits to the prison this week and spend up to five hours inside the compound, said a spokesman for

**ICRC** 

visits

Khiam KHIAM (AFP) - A six-

member team of the Interna-

tional Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was allowed

Monday to visit the Israelicontrolled Khiam prison in

the South Lebanon "security

zone" for the first time since the jail was opened in 1984.

A two-car convoy entered

Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia which runs Khiam.

A ICRC statement re-leased in Beirut from its Geneva headquarters said that four Arabic-speaking delegates, a doctor and an interpreter entered the prison for

the first time Monday. "During the visit the delegates will assess the detainees' treatment and their material and psychological conditions of detention," the

statement said. Its findings and recom-mendations would be submitted to the relevant authorities

in a confidential report, it The ICRC stressed that its 'standard working conditions" included the right to be able to repeat its visits as

well as to see all the detainees in private. On Sunday the SLA said it had authorised the ICRC to enter the prison to allow representatives to see the raisoners and interview them pri-

vately.

Human rights organisations have denounced conditions at the prison and compiled statements from witnesses complaining that torture is used during interrogations, which are said to be carried out by Israeli officers. In January the SLA allowed the ICRC to organise

visits by relatives to the pris-(Continued on page 3)

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Zealand (AP) - A cabinet minister has apologised for poking fun at Pope John Paul II and Prime Minister Jim Bolger, who is Roman Catholic, during a radin talk show. New Zealand's Catholic Church, along with the Pope's diplomatic representative, complained after Tourism Minister John Banks conducted an interview Sunday with a caller who claimed to be the Pontiff, complete with fake Polish accent. Many listeners complained. Mr. Banks hosts the show every Sunday morning. His hardline conservative comments regularly stir up controversy. Mr. Bolger, who needs Mr. Banks' support to maintain a slim parliamentary majority and stay in office. has consistently refused to rebuke him publicly. In the past, Mr. Bolger has said he never listens to the programme because he's usually in church on Sundays. During the fake interview, Mr. Banks asked the phony Pope to award Mr. Bolger dispensation to skip mass so he could listen in. Mr. Banks apologised in a sixparagraph state ment Monday. He said the call was "harmless good fun. and I believe His Holiness would regard it as such." spokeswoman Church Lyndsay Freer said the church is considering suing Mr. Banks or complaining to the broadcasting standards authority. She denounced the spoof as "deeply offensive" and un "appalling lack of judg-ment."

#### Tourists get skin cancer warning in Sydney

SYDNEY (AFP)

Visitors are to be warned about the cancer dangers of Australia's top tourism asset --- sunny weather a newspaper reported. "From next month, tour operators and resorts will hand out 240,000 brochures to tourists as they arrive at airports and hotels around Australia, warning them to avoid the sun or risk contracting deadly skin cancer,3 reported the Sun Herald. "The new brochures, funded by cancer councils around Australia, advise tourists to take a siesta in the middle of the day," it said. Sun, sand and surf feature prominently in Australian tourism campaigns abroad. Apart from advocating a midday siesta, the brochures also rec-. ommend sunscreen, hats and tightly woven clothing, the newspaper reported. The Cancer Council of New South Wales could not be immediately reached for comment on the report. Australia has the world's highest rate of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. In 1994-95, a record 3.5 million foreigners visited Australia, up 11 per cent on the previous year. Top visitor countries were Japan, New Zealand, Britain, the United States

#### Mrs. Mitterrand admires Mrs. Clinton

and Singapore.

PARIS (AP) — Danielle Mitterrand admires Hillary Rodham Clinton as a people person. The wife of the former French president said that Mrs. Clinton is "a woman who is committed, who likes others, who likes community, who likes mankind." Mrs. Mitterrand never shied from controversy during the 14-year presidency of her Socialist husband, François. She founded a human-rights group that rankled foreign governments with its vocal support for dissidents and ethnic minorities.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Palestinian journalist arrested in Gaza

'GAZA CITY (AFP) -- A Palestinian journalist has been arrested by Gaza security services after his newspaper. editors at the daily said Monday. Taher Nunu, a correspondent at Al Nahar newspaper in East Jerusalem, was called in by Palestinian security agents on Sunday in the Gaza Strip and has not been released. Colleagues of Mr. Nunu have asked the Palestinian Information Ministry to intervene to obtain his release.

## Arabs plan 'genetic map' to halt disease

CAIRO (AFP) - Arab states examined on Monday the idea of creating a "genetic map" of the region to help fight hereditary diseases made common by the custom of marrying cousins. Arab League officials said. The league's panel on preventive and genetic medicine began a three-day session Monday in Cairo with representatives from health ministries of eight Arab countries, Deputy Secretary General Ahmed Kadri said. Mr. Kadri told the press he asked the committee to work on an "Arab genetic map." Generic diseases are among the "most important striking the Arab World (due to) the tradition of marrying relatives." Mr. Kadri said.

## 18 held for Sudan unrest — opposition

CA1RO (AFP) - Sudan arrested 18 people in a security sweep last week, eight of them students, in connection with a wave of anti-government protests, the opposition Umma Party said in a communique on Monday. The 18 were arrested during raids Thursday in the town of Hasahisa, 100 kilometres southeast of Khartoum, the Umma Party said. Police accused them of "preparing and participating in "violent anti-government demonstrations which broke out in several cities in September. Hasahisa lies directly between the capital and the town of Wadi Madani, two centres of the protests.

## Two Pakistanis beheaded in S. Arabia

RIYADH (AP) — Two Pakistanis convicted of drug trafficking were beheaded Monday in the Red Sea city of Jeddah, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. The executions of the two men, identified by the agency as Shafee-Ullah Abdullah and Gulzar Ahmad Mohammad, raised to 184 the number of beheadings in Saudi Arabia so far this year, already higher than any previous year. Most of those beheaded this year were convicted drug smugglers from Asia and Africa.

## Iran detains Iraqi fishermen

TEHRAN (AP) - Iran has arrested 10 Iraqis on a boat that strayed into Iranian waters, the Iran Daily reported Monday. The Farsi-language newspaper said the boat was spotted near the Gulf coastal town of Genaveh in southern Busheher province and quoted the Iraqis as saying they were fishermen. The Iraqis were handed over to local judicial authorities, the paper said without giving further

## Rushdie can fly Lufthansa again

BONN (AFP) - Salman Rushdie, condemned to death by the Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini in 1989. can once again fly by the German airline Lufthansa, the Tageszeitung newspaper reported Monday. The airline had refused to accept the British author as a passenger on its planes because of the death sentence imposed on him for his book the "Saturic Verses," which Islamic authorities consider blusphemous. But in a letter of which the paper published an extract. Mr. Rushdie indicated that this ban had now been lifted. "I have been in regular, direct touch with Lufthansa. As a result of our conversations no differences now remain between us. We have agreed, for obvious precautionary reasons, to make no further statements on the matter." he wrote.

# Arabs, Africans must compete with West, league official says

JOHANNESBURG (R) -African and Arab states must further closeness and deeper flect the immense potential forge closer ties to overcome economic domination of the developing world by the industrialised West. a top Arab League official told a conference in South Africa on Mon-"We can not any more

entertain false illusion about the 80-called North-South dialogue, whose results were as expected, if not planned, nothing but harsher economic measures. more domination of our markets, stronger control of whatever is left of our raw matetials." Adnan Omran. Arab League undersecretary for political affairs. told the Afro-Arab Trade Fair in South Africa's commercial capital Johannes-

They continue to force their their system of trade, their system of production and consequently their system of pricing, where we have to sell for one what they then sell for 10." he said.

"The need is pressing for solidarity, given the new and fast global transformation which includes... the rising of giant political and economic groupings and the laving of greater emphasis on the importance of regional coopera-

tion," Mr. Omran said. Earlier, South African President Nelson Mandela said rapid increases in trade between post-apartheid South Africa and other African and Arab countries highlighted the immense potential for trade and investment. South Africa's exports to

grew by 26 per cent to 9.6 billion rand (\$2.6 billion) in 1994, the president told trade fair delegates from 45 states grouping nearly a bil-

Mandela said.

African and Arab countries

lion people.
Our imports from these countries showed a notable

increase of 47 per cent to reach a figure of 2.5 billion rand (685 million)." Mr.

"These rapid increuses refor both trade and investment among our nations."

Mr. Mandela, working to attract foreign investment to South Africa to create badly needed jobs, said African and Arab countries needed to examine how the funds available in some regions could be used most effectively for the benefit of all.

"This is a challenge to business, as it is to governments. to ensure that we engage in ventures that will create jobs and see to socio-economic development and prosperity in all our countries." he said. Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Salim Ahmad Salim described Africa as the new land of opportunities. The combination of Arab

World market savvy. finan-cial resoruces and Africa's natural resources should create a great economic force of our two regions," he said.

# Algeria's FIS leaders reportedly reject further talks with regime

PARIS (AFP) — The top two leaders of Algeria's militant Islamic movement have rejected further talks with the government while they yre-main behind bars, and because they say "real power" lies with the military, the London-based Arabic daily Al Hayat said Monday. The paper said Abassi Madanai and Ali Belhadj.

who have been in jail or under house arrest since June 1991, "refuse to resume dialogue" with the authorities despite two meetings held at dates unspecified in the re-

Mr. Madani and Mr. Belhadj. who head the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), said they would have no meetings with officials 'who do not represent the real power," in Algeria and would have no further talks on the country's political future "as long as they are kept

Al Hayat said a first meeting between the two FIS leaders and officials of the military-backed regime took place at the home of the local military commander in Blida.

south of Algiers where Mr. Madani and Mr. Belhadj were returned to prison after a period under house arrest from September to November 1994.

Mr. Madani and Mr. Belhadj had talks on that occasion with generals Mohammad Bechine and Tayeb Derradji who are both advisers to President Liamine Zeroual, the report said,

A second meeting was held with the same two officials inside Blida military prison. Al Hayat said Mr. Madar. and Mr. Belhadj had then refused to shake hands with the two generals claiming the government was "playing for time and seeking to sow division among the Islamic militants.

Mr. Madani and Mr. Belhadj demanded to talk to "the real power in the counwhich, according to the FIS, lies with army chief General Mohammad Lamari. major generals Tawfiq Mediene, gendarmerie chief Abbas Ghezaiel and former Defence Minister Khaled Nezzar.

According to the author-

ities, a series of meetings between representatives of Mr. Zeroual and the two detained FIS teaders, notably in May and June, achieved nothing due to the "intransigence" of Mr. Madani and Mr. Belhadj who refused to call for an end to violence by militants fighting to set up an Islamic state. Suspected militants have

murdered two attorneys and a married couple in Algeria over the past few days, newspapers reported here Mon-

One of the attorneys was kidnapped at the weekend as he was heading to his home in Blida. His body was found by police on Saturday. It was unclear how the

second attorney was killed. The daily Le Matin said the two other victims were a "taleb" or talismanic writer and his wife, who were killed Friday by an armed group near the eastern town of Be-

Several fortune tellers have been killed by Algerian fundamentalist groups who ac-

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